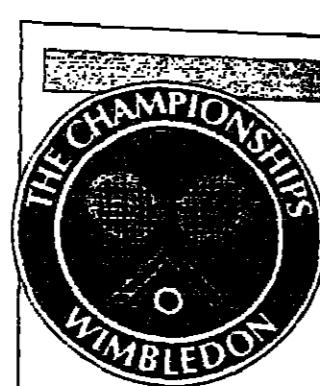
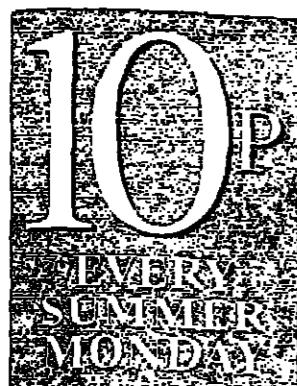


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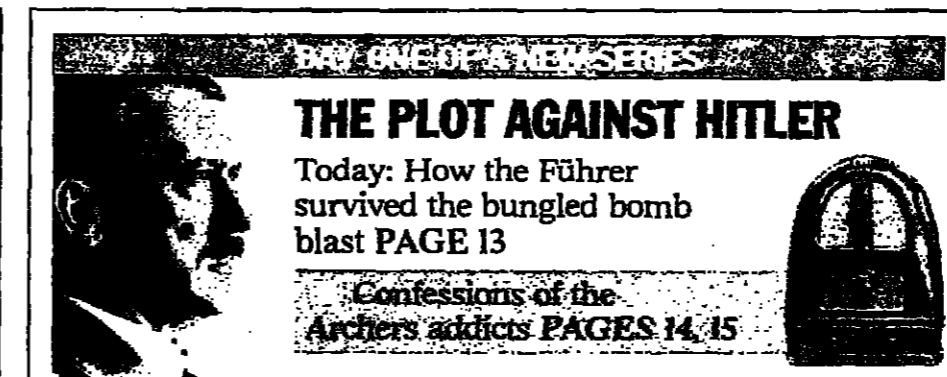


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Commons must rule, says Redwood

Tories urge battle over 48-hour week

BY IAN MURRAY, CHARLES BRENNER AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY



Redwood: law must be changed, not broken

TORY MPs are to try to force the Prime Minister into a head-on confrontation with Brussels over a ruling by the European Court imposing a maximum 48-hour week on British workers.

Although the judgment is not likely to be issued by the court until September, the Eurosceptics intend to exploit the issue this week.

The MPs plan to keep Mr Major to the promise he made in the Commons last week that he would block any progress at the Maastricht review conference unless Britain was allowed to retain its opt-out from the 48-hour working week.

The Government has been warned that it would be breaking the law and liable to heavy claims for damages in the British courts if it defies the directive.

"We have got to sort out what is top dog, Parliament or an unelected group of lawyers sitting in Luxembourg," John Redwood, the former Cabinet minister and leadership challenger, said last night. "We have got to change the law to assert Parliament's will above the European Court.

"We signed the Maastricht treaty, including the opt-out clause, in good faith. When you get a decision from the court which is totally incompatible with something the British Parliament has ap-

proved, then you have to establish which of the two is the senior authority."

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Loyalist protesters block Ulster roads

BY NICHOLAS WATTS, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A CONFRONTATION between hundreds of Orangemen and armed police on the outskirts of Portadown, County Armagh, intensified last night amid fears that the protest could spread throughout Northern Ireland. Loyalists threw stones and missiles at police lines at Drumcree to register their anger at the police decision to reroute an Orange parade away from the Nationalist Garvagh Road area of Portadown. Violence flared after Orangemen, who have marched into Portadown along the route for 189 years, vowed to camp outside the small parish church at Drumcree until they were allowed to follow their traditional route. The Loyalists staged a similar protest last

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Mosquitoes could be flying hypodermics against malaria

By NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

A NEW breed of mosquito could be designed to act as a "flying hypodermic syringe" to prevent malaria, the disease they normally spread.

The genetically-engineered mosquito would transfer a protein through its saliva, which would act as a vaccine, immunising its victim against the disease, which claims more than two million lives a year.

A patent on the idea has been granted to Professor Bob Sinden of Imperial College, London, and Profes-

sor Julian Crampton of Liverpool University. The scheme could be used to immunise people and animals against a wide range of diseases, and any biting insect, not only mosquitoes, could be used to carry the vaccine.

"We are exceedingly excited by the research," Prof Sinden said. "It's eminently logical, and we are confident we can make it work."

The technique described in the patent application has not been publicised but was spotted by Derwent, a scientific information company. The trick is to modify the insect's salivary gland by introducing a foreign

gene. When blood-sucking insects bite, their salivary glands produce chemicals that encourage their victims' blood to flow. This action is under the control of a gene that is switched on by a control region, a section of DNA lying near the gene.

"We steal this control region and attach it to a gene that produces an antigen known to stimulate the body to resist the parasite," Prof Sinden said. The modified gene can be put back into the insect using a variety of well-established techniques. The result should be an insect which keeps on "topping-up" the immune system of

those it bites, so that an antigen that would not necessarily be effective as a single vaccination provides good long-term protection.

There is no intention of releasing any such creatures until all the implications have been carefully studied, and exhaustive tests carried out in the laboratory, Prof Sinden said.

Professor Crampton said that the gene had been successfully introduced and that it produced antigen in sufficient amounts. Trials using mice would be used to establish that bites from the modified mosquitoes were enough to produce immunity.

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Oxford boosts 261 academics to more senior titles

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

OXFORD University has almost doubled its number of professors, appointing more in a single day than in the past decade, in an unprecedented attempt to raise the status of its dons.

Lecturers at Oxford and Cambridge have grown increasingly frustrated at playing second fiddle to less eminent academics elsewhere. American universities have always conferred professorships on a high proportion of their staff and the widespread use of the title by new universities brought matters to a head.

Cambridge is still discussing how to address the issue, but Oxford decided last year to establish a new cadre of "titular" professors. A Distinctions Committee of 14 academics has accepted the claims of 162 dons to become professors and promoted another 99 to the lesser title of reader.

The new professors will receive no more money and their duties will be unaffected, but they will be able to use the coveted title. To most observers, the titular professors will be indistinguishable from those who hold chairs.

A number of well-known academics will feature on the list of promotions announced today. Among them is Vernon Bogdanor, an authority on constitutional issues, and Roger Hood, a criminologist who has written extensively on the death penalty and sentencing.

More than 200 dons applied for professorships, and were judged against the research records of holders of the title in other leading universities, as well as on their teaching and administrative work. The 80 per cent success rate will bring the number of professors to

more than double, from 12 to 20.

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Daphne Deckers, Richard Krajicek's girlfriend, watching him yesterday

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Blair avoids row over MPs' elections

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR has backed away from a confrontation with his MPs over a proposal to scrap this year's elections to the Shadow Cabinet.

Labour's leadership is expecting in-fighting after more than 100 backbenchers criticised suggestions by senior figures that the annual elections to the front bench be cancelled. Backbenchers are alarmed at the prospect of this year's poll being abandoned and Mr Blair has agreed to accept their decision when they force a vote on the issue next week.

Andrew Mackinlay, the Labour MP for Thurrock, disclosed that 110 of the 175

backbenchers had supported his call for the elections to go ahead. "There were strong reasons for believing there were some important people in the party who were trying to prevent the elections," he said.

However, John Reid, a frontbench MP, is expected to press next week's meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party to vote that the election be cancelled. "Our sole aim should be the defeat of the Conservatives, not the defeat of Shadow Cabinet members," Mr Blair's aides were adamant that the leader was not behind Mr Reid's move.

Although Mr Blair was

Tony Blair faced further embarrassment over education yesterday as his son's school said it could be forced out of the state system under a Labour government. Mr Blair's eldest son, Euan, attends the grant-maintained London Oratory in Fulham, southwest London. Labour would force grant-maintained schools to agree admissions policies with the local authority. John McIntosh, London Oratory's headmaster, said the plans threatened his school's character.

described by aides as being "totally relaxed" about the issue, senior colleagues gave warning that the elections were likely to pose damaging problems for the leadership in the run-up to the general election.

They remain nervous about the prospect of a highly publicised battle which could

lead to at least two senior MPs, Harriet Harman, Shadow Health Secretary, and Jack Straw, Shadow Home Secretary, being ousted from the frontbench.

One Shadow Cabinet minister said: "If Tony thinks this election is just going through the motions, he will have a shock. There are people looking

for a scalp, not just a token."

Another Shadow Cabinet member said Mr Blair had been "chastened" by the hostility of backbench MPs to his decision that there be a referendum on the future of Scotland. "He is not in the mood for a fight over an issue that doesn't bother him too much."

But Labour MPs are divided over the wisdom of holding a poll that could see left-wing MPs seek to force out Ms Harman over her decision to send her son to a selective school.

This Wednesday, several frontbench Labour MPs are expected to ignore Mr Blair's appeal for restraint over MPs' pay when the Commons votes

on the matter. The Labour leader matched John Major last week in calling for MPs and ministers to be restricted to a 3 per cent pay rise rather than the increase of at least 26 per cent recommended by an independent body.

Three Shadow Cabinet members indicated yesterday that they would support the full increases, claiming that MPs deserved to catch up after falling behind comparable professions.

Mr Blair is allowing his MPs a free vote; the Government is demanding that ministers and their aides back the 3 per cent.

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ONE SCHOOL IN TEN PLANS SACKINGS

One school in ten is planning to sack teachers this summer in a wave of redundancies that could claim 4,000 jobs, the Association of Teachers and Lecturers says today. The association said the teachers most likely to lose their jobs were the most experienced.

The Department for Education and Employment said that similar predictions in previous years had proved to be exaggerated. Schools must issue formal notices of redundancy at this time of year to meet contractual obligations, whether or not the job was certain to be lost, a spokesman said.

Kerb crawlers

Residents in areas plagued by prostitution want convicted kerb crawlers to be shamed by publication of their names in local newspapers, a cross-parliamentary group on prostitution reform suggests. It suggests that if kerb crawling became a trafficking offence, those convicted could have their licences endorsed.

Pilots' strike

British Airways' pilots' leaders have said that company plans to keep their planes in the air when flight crews go on strike would fail. The British Airline Pilots Association said: "Before a foreign pilot could fly a BA aircraft they would have to be assessed by a BA training captain, the vast majority of whom are Balpa members."

Tube strike

Commuters face more travel problems today when 2,000 London Underground drivers stage their third strike in support of a shorter working week in spite of an invitation to peace talks. The drivers union Aslef said it was still evaluating the invitation from the conciliation service Acas, which was quickly accepted by London Transport.

Irish crime fear

Nine out of ten Irish people believe the Dublin Government is losing the battle against crime, according to a poll published yesterday, 11 days after the gangland murder of the journalist Veronica Guerin. The poll in the Sunday Independent newspaper found 65 per cent did not believe her killers would be brought to justice.

Wind-up winner

A clockwork radio has beaten off competition from a drinks can crusher and the nose of the Eurostar train to win top prize in the 1996 BBC Design Awards. The Freestyle wind-up radio, which uses no electricity or batteries, was developed by its inventor Trevor Baylis and designer Andy Davey for use in Third World countries.

999 overload

A huge increase in the number of 999 calls from mobile telephones is threatening to undermine the emergency services. Police say that the calls often duplicate the same incident, increasing the time it takes to respond to emergencies. A new number to deal with trivial incidents, including cats stuck in trees, is being proposed.

Princess turns to Duchess for advice

By CAROL MIDGLEY

THE Princess of Wales sought advice from the Duchess of York yesterday over the draft divorce settlement put to her by her husband.

During Sunday lunch at the Duchess's rented home on the Wentworth estate in Surrey, the Princess is understood to have asked for guidance over the offer, which is believed to include a lump sum of between £10 million and £20 million. She has watched the recent divorce negotiations between the Duke and Duchess of York with interest.

Her solicitor, Anthony Julius, a partner at Mishcon de Reya, described the Duchess as "the yellow canary", a reference to the birds coal miners used to take down the pit to check for poisonous gas ahead.

According to reports yesterday, the Princess has also been receiving advice from another royal divorce, Captain Mark Phillips, the former husband of the Princess Royal. It is said to be he who urged her to be certain of the precise terms of the settlement before agreeing to start divorce proceedings, having felt he was too trusting with Buckingham Palace over his own divorce.

Tory MPs viewed his comments with growing nervousness yesterday. One minister

Clarke says voters want job security before tax cuts

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH CLARKE took his firmest stand yet against calls for tax cuts yesterday as he pointed to worsening economic forecasts that will undermine Tory hopes of a growing Budget.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer set out a downbeat assessment of the prospects of tax reductions as he prepares for the opening stages of a tough public spending round with Cabinet colleagues. He dismissed suggestions that tax cuts were likely and added that they were "down the scale" in the public's list of priorities.

He admitted that past forecasts of public sector borrowing had been wrong and that he would have to revise figures, reducing the opportunity for cutting tax. The Chancellor is expected tomorrow to increase the forecast for the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement from £22.5 billion to about £28 billion and next week to scale down projections of economic growth from 3 per cent to 2.5 per cent. "My boffins got their estimates wrong," he said in an interview with BBC1's *Breakfast with Frost*.

Tory MPs viewed his comments with growing nervousness yesterday. One minister

said: "This is not just a Chancellor being negative before a public spending round. He actually has figures to show that things are not as good as we would have hoped at this stage."

Mr Clarke will underline his difficulties when Cabinet ministers begin their public spending round next week. Senior Treasury figures said that Mr Clarke was adamant that ministers should meet the £26.8 billion spending target, or even reduce it. However, he was dismissive of claims by John Redwood, the former Welsh Secretary, that up to £6 billion could be cut.

He said that job security, a buoyant housing market and higher earnings were more important to voters than tax cuts. "I am not going to do it [cut taxes] if it will drive up our borrowing or delay the real economy out there feeling good. Tax comes down the scale compared to all those things that matter to real families."

Gordon Brown, Labour's Shadow Chancellor, accused Mr Clarke of refusing to spell out the true scale of the "black hole" that had developed in public finances.

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cooperation. "Non-cooperation is not going to alter the judgment of the court... One thing we made clear when we were not co-operating is that the British Government certainly Conservative government, obey the law."

The Chancellor echoed John Major's acknowledgement that Britain will be unable to overturn the court's decision, but backbench Tories are angered by the Government's refusal to take a more aggressive stance on the issue.

The so-called "working time directive" was agreed in 1993, setting a maximum 48-hour week with compulsory rest

periods every six hours, a minimum daily rest period of 11 hours, one day off a week and four weeks paid annual holiday for all workers.

Had the directive been classified as an employment rather than a health and safety measure, Britain would have been unaffected because it would then have come under the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty and thus have been covered by the British opt-out.

Putting the rules into practice could cost the Treasury and industry hundreds of millions of pounds, according to British businessmen.

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Comments from a former Wimbledon winner helped Krajicek to overcome his mental block

Parental pressure almost drove champion to quit

BY JOANNA BALE

LIKE his more famous counterparts Steffi Graf and Mary Pierce, the new Wimbledon champion, Richard Krajicek, has had a troubled relationship with his father.

The 24-year-old Dutchman was born a year after his Czech parents, Petr and Ludmila fled their country in 1970 and settled in Rotterdam. When he was four years old his father thrust a tennis racket into his hand, embarking on a strict training regime with the sole ambition of turning his son into a star.

The methods he used to instil the discipline needed to succeed were often harsh and eventually prompted Krajicek to cut off all contact with his father when his parents divorced while he was a teenager.

Karel Huidkamp, Dutch tennis correspondent, said: "His father would force him to practise for hours, dragging him back on to the court against his will even when he was exhausted and often in tears." Another added: "If he lost a match he would be forced to walk several miles home while his father drove. It was a method that many Eastern Europeans used."

In the early 1990s, when Krajicek's career began to take off, he decided to get back in touch with his father and the two were reconciled, although he was not present on Centre



Court yesterday to see his son fulfil his greatest dream.

Per is said to be using the same strict regime to train his six-year-old daughter from his second marriage, who is said to have great promise.

Kraai (crown), as he is known now, declines to talk about his father, but he admits the regime gave him a fierce determination to win. Dominating the Dutch junior competition from the age of 11, he idolised John McEnroe and was touted as a "wunderkind" by the media. But when he began to lose matches after his parents' marriage broke down, he almost gave up tennis.

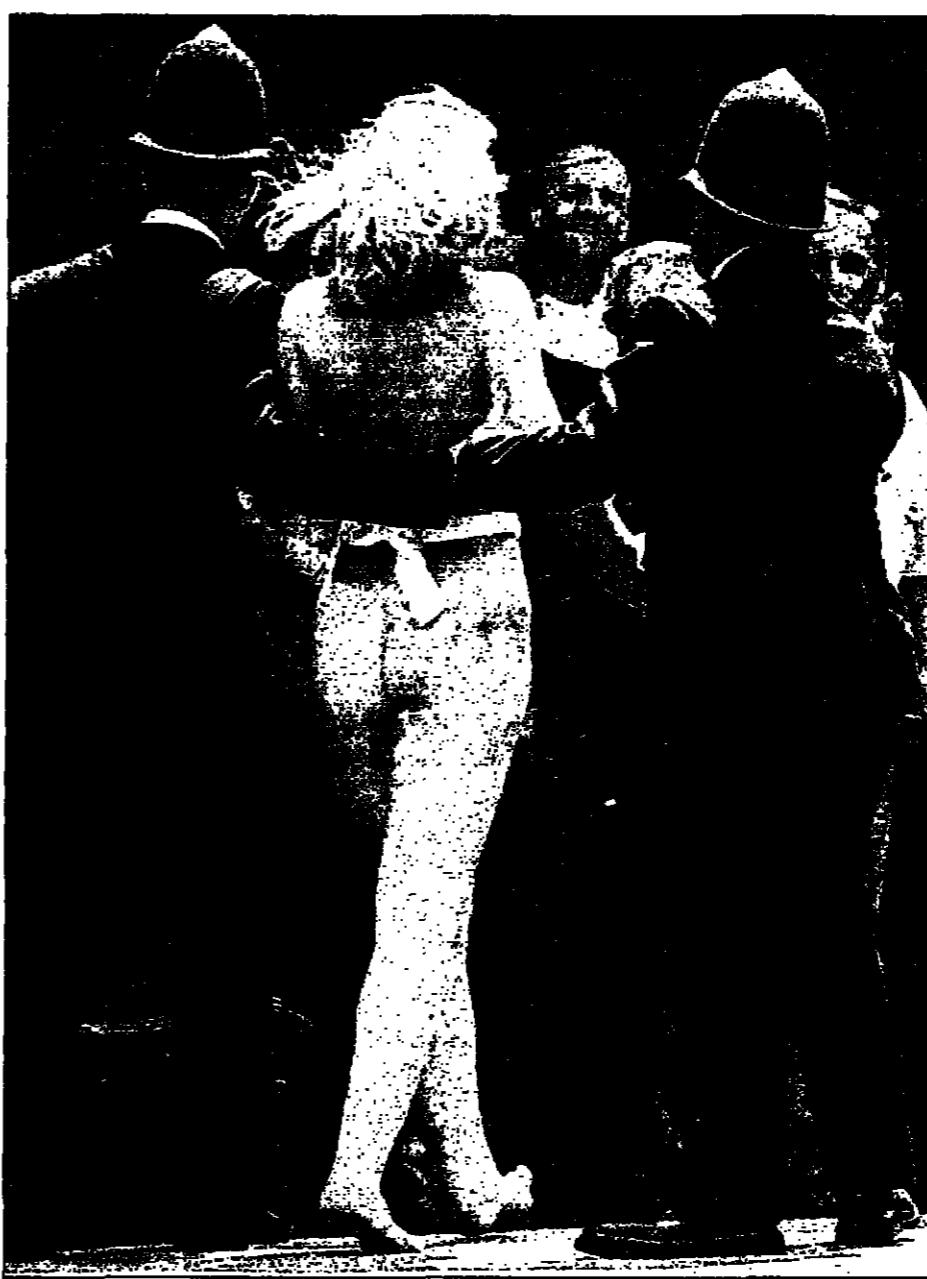
Talking about his early days as a child tennis star, he said: "Everybody wanted to know me then. It was weird. I didn't

have a clue what was going on. Then I started playing badly, losing games. My parents got divorced. And then nobody wanted to know me. I even considered giving up tennis at one point."

He decided to soldier on but admits that his game was constantly thwarted by an over-anxiety to succeed, a legacy from his father's training regime, as well as frequent injury problems. At 6ft 5in and one of the fastest servers in the world at 134mph, he is a formidable opponent, but has had to resort to psychotherapy to fulfil his potential.

Ted Troost, who uses a mixture of psychotherapy and physiotherapy, is an important figure in Krajicek's life. He said: "Krajicek always

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Johnson: made history

Student, 23, streaks into record book

MELISSA JOHNSON made history and brought a smile to faces on Centre Court yesterday when she became Wimbledon's first streaker.

The 23-year-old student made her dash across the hallowed turf as Richard Krajicek and Mal Washington posed for photographers. Both men smiled as the young woman dashed past them to the crowd's cheers.

Ms Johnson, who was working as a catering assistant at the tournament during her summer holidays, wore nothing but her regulation pinny. She paused to lift the tiny garment, revealing all, in front of a packed Royal Box. The Duke of Kent roared with laughter as she ran into the arms of police.

Ms Johnson was held at Wimbledon police station and released after the match. A Scotland Yard spokeswoman said: "There will be no further action."

Melissa Johnson being led away by police after her cross-court dash yesterday

Lone sailor celebrates his return to life

BY LIN JENKINS



FOR a man thought to be dead, Leslie Powles was enjoying life to the full yesterday. After a full English breakfast topped with strawberries, the 70-year-old mariner recalled how he survived the past few weeks on two spoonfuls of rice and a quarter of a tin of corned beef a day.

Mr Powles stepped ashore at Lympstone, Hampshire, on Saturday, seven months after losing radio contact during his three-year circumnavigation of the world. He gave up his job as a radio engineer to build a yacht in the early 1970s and embarked on his first global trip in 1975. The next time he went the other way round, becoming the first man to circumnavigate the world in both directions single-handedly.

He left on the last trip, in his 34ft sloop *Solitaire*, in September 1993. Last December he left New Zealand but failed to reach the Falkland Islands in March as expected. Storms

Powles apologised for having caused worry

in the Southern Ocean had disabled his radio and left him injured.

The cover over my hatch ripped open and water started flooding into the cabin. Then I was knocked unconscious and woke up about six hours later with a gash in my head and blood pouring out. I don't know how the boat stayed afloat," he said. "It is wonderful to be back here. I am sorry if anyone was worried about me."

□ Samantha Brewster, 29, will return to a heroine's welcome at Southampton tomorrow after her voyage around the world. She is the first woman and the youngest person to complete the "wrong way" solo trip.

Poetry beaten by lack of interest

BY ERICA WAGNER

A MARATHON international festival of poetry and music featuring an array of writers and rock musicians at the Royal Albert Hall yesterday filled only a tenth of the seats.

Damon Albarn, of Blur, joined the American singer Patti Smith, Ray Davies of the Kinks, James Fenton, the British poet and journalist, and Miroslav Holub, one of the leading Czech poets, in what had been billed as the biggest poetry event ever staged. More than 60 artists from many countries performed their work over nine hours.

Michael Horovitz had envisaged an "Olympics of poetry"

reminiscent of the celebrated gathering of beat poets he organised in 1965 which packed the Albert Hall. However, yesterday afternoon, only 500 of the 5,000 seats in the hall were filled. The audience made up for its small size by its appreciation.

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Curtains for old cinema

BY ROBIN YOUNG

ONE of Britain's earliest purpose-built cinemas is about to be demolished, having been mistaken as a public convenience for the past 50 years.

The Gem in Boreham Wood, Hertfordshire, was opened in 1914 to preview films made by the Neptune film company. Since Neptune went into receivership in the 1920s the building, outside Boreham Wood railway station, has served as a public convenience.

John East, a BBC radio producer whose grandfather, bearing the same name, was a director of Neptune and creator of the Gem, said yesterday: "I do feel sentimental about it because it is one of the last tangible mementoes of my grandfather's career and a source of great memories of the early cinema days."

The Gem, though small, accommodated an audience

of up to 150 on wooden benches. The Neptune films, which John East directed, scripted and performed in, were principally melodramas which included early appearances by such names as Jack Buchanan, Dame May Whitty and her husband, Ben Webster. The site of Nep-

tune's studios, across the road from the Gem, is now where the BBC films *EastEnders*, and the only remaining part of the original building is now used as a wine cellar.

Mr East said yesterday: "I do not think there is any campaign to save the Gem from demolition. They are unveiling a plaque to my grandfather on the studio site next year and I shall be going to that."

□ Hammer Films, the company which kept the nation's cinemagoers in a state of terror from the Fifties to the Seventies, is experiencing a resurrection. The company went into liquidation in 1979 but present owner Roy Skeggs, who bought out the receiver in 1987, has a dozen projects in development.

"All of a sudden we are flavour of the month," he said. "We have signed deals with Fox, New World and Warner, and we go into production this year."



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Such are the demands upon his time of the major Opera Houses of the world that, wherever he travels, Placido Domingo takes with him a series of green bound books. Into these he writes his engagements three years ahead.

As a singer, Placido Domingo has committed almost one hundred different operatic roles to memory.

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He has enthralled audiences from Covent Garden to China. And one legendary curtain call in Vienna



lasted one hour and fifty minutes. "It would have been easier," he has said, "to sing the opera all over again."

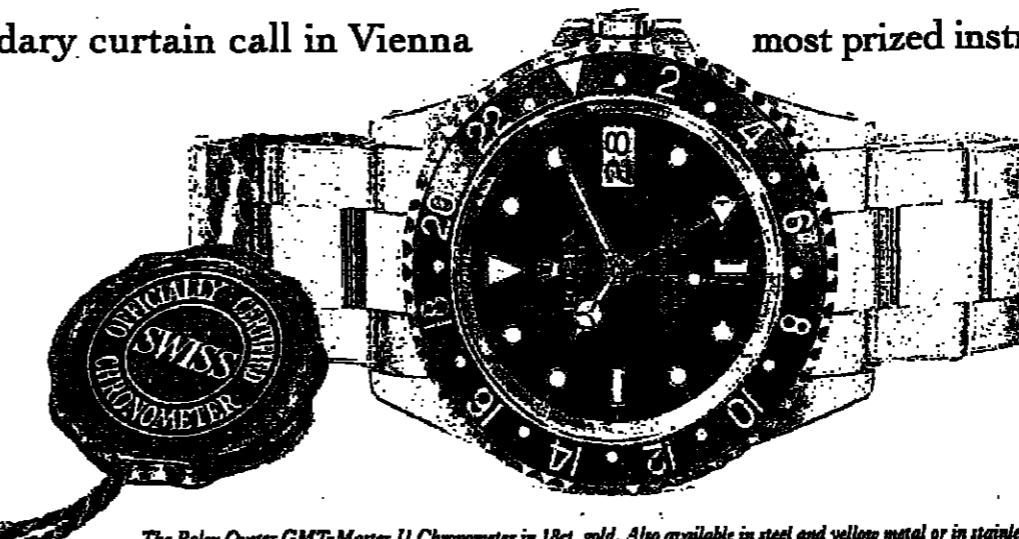
However, Domingo is a highly-respected conductor as well; a challenge he appears to relish. "The operatic conductor is like a Roman charioteer. He has a hundred horses on stage and a hundred horses in the pit. And he has to control them all."

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Shocking role of lethal bacterium passed fit for cinema appearance

ADVERTISEMENTS warning of the dangers of toxic shock syndrome, strongly associated with tampon use, have been passed as acceptable for general viewing in the cinema. The syndrome is a rare, but frightening disease initially thought to be confined to children, but by the late 1970s it was recognised that it was a problem found mainly in young women.

The cause was confirmed when the number of cases increased alarmingly after

the manufacturers of vaginal tampons started to use a more absorbent material. The flow was contained so effectively that toxins were readily absorbed into the system.

Toxic shock syndrome is caused by poisons released into the circulation by an infection with phage-group I *Staphylococcus aureus*. The patient develops a sudden high temperature sometimes as high as 105°F (40.5°C) — with shivering. The syndrome is associated with

diarrhoea, vomiting and once the shock develops, a very low blood pressure and circulatory collapse. The failure of the circulation leads to damage to the kidneys, liver, lungs and other organs. A widespread red skin rash is common and, as in other bacterial infections, the soles of the feet and palms of the hands become bright red and the skin on them later peels.

In 1981 the improved material was withdrawn from use in tampons and the death rate dropped dramati-

cally. Cases of toxic shock syndrome are still reported but not all are the result of tampon use; 15 per cent occur in males and another 15 per cent in women who are either

not menstruating or are using diaphragms, cervical caps or vaginal sponges.

It is probable that many minor instances of toxic shock syndrome pass unrec-

cognised but if they are severe enough to be diagnosed the mortality rate is about 5 per cent.

Some women have been infected more than once but it is not clear whether this represents an unusual vulnerability to the toxin or whether the *staphylococci* were not fully eradicated from the patient and her immediate family.

In those instances in which the infection cannot be blamed on tampons or other intra-vaginal devices the

staphylococcus normally responsible for the syndrome has been recovered from nose, throat and abscesses or an infected wound. Sometimes the wound may be comparatively trivial. Toxic shock syndrome is also an occasional complication of gynaecological operations or childbirth.

Toxic shock syndrome is rare and tampons are so convenient that it is unlikely that their use will ever be abandoned, but women are advised to take certain simple

precautions. Tampons should be changed every four to six hours. Women who sleep for many hours must either change tampons during the night or use a pad. Hands should be washed before tampons are inserted so that any *staphylococcus* from the nose and throat are not transferred.

Treatment is carried out in hospital; antibiotics are administered with an intravenous infusion to maintain fluid and electrolyte balance and blood pressure.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Despair disfigures brave face of city rocked by bombers

By BILL FROST

THREE weeks after the IRA tried to tear the heart out of Manchester, some of the shops closest to the blast reopened. With balloons, bunting, brass bands and celebrity guests, the city sought to draw shoppers back to the streets devastated in the attack.

However, neither traders

nor their customers felt ready to celebrate yet.

The partial reopening of the Arndale Centre was said to be both a gesture of defiance to the bombers and a celebration of Manchester's spirit. The city fathers, who are planning a £21 million rebuilding programme, had hoped the people would come to shop —

business as usual three weeks after the attack. However, most people just stared blankly at their city's still-gaping wounds, wandering the precinct aimlessly or standing as close to the boarded-up wreckage as they could.

Yvonne Baskeyfield, manageress of the K Shoes shop close to the centre of the blast, was in no doubt why some had returned to the scene of last month's outrage: the precinct held a morbid fascination for "rubber-neckers".

Her hands shook and her eyes filled with tears when she talked of the bombing. Mrs Baskeyfield, 51, is seeing a psychotherapist three times a week and talking to him on the telephone every day about her overwhelming feelings of panic and her depression.

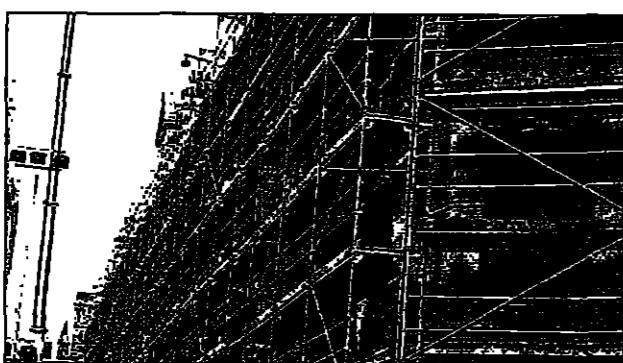
She was caught up in two previous IRA attacks on the city: "I suppose the third bombing was just too much."

As she spoke the shoppers browsed, not really interested in the shoes on display, but looking for evidence of damage. Mrs Baskeyfield seemed unaware of their presence. "You just keep thinking, 'What if? I had half-a-dozen staff to look after. Suppose I had taken them the wrong way?' She feared that months, if not years would elapse before the collective memory of the bombing was laid to rest.

On the floor above, Matthew Lenton, manager of the



Sue Blythe, with her daughter Samantha, lost the family's sandwich bar in the Corn Exchange, below



DAD & LEE.



Yvonne Baskeyfield, shop manageress, is receiving counselling three times a week. It was her third bombing

Burton Menswear store, was more bullish. However, his smile seemed a little fixed when he spoke of returning public confidence. "All my staff have had counselling," he said. "It was the same team called in after Dunblane, so we had the very best."

On Corporation Street, where the IRA left its one-ton bomb, passers-by stopped to watch enormous cranes lifting huge blocks of concrete and

rubble from shattered storefronts. The Corn Exchange was literally gutted in the explosion. Some of the 300 or so traders and stallholders who occupied this once magnificent building gathered formally at the crowd control barriers. Many had lost everything and were not covered by insurance. They have no stock left and cannot work to pay household bills.

Sue Blythe opened a sandwich bar at the Exchange six months ago, using every penny of her husband's £35,000 redundancy to buy the business. Her face was pale.

"I'm worried sick. I'm not sleeping. Our life's work has quite literally gone up in smoke," she said. "We had no business or loss-of-earnings insurance." The most she can hope for is compensation for damaged or destroyed equipment in the sandwich bar — £8,000 at the very most.

Listening to her mother talk

of the family's impending ruin at the hands of the bombers, Mrs Blythe's 11-year-old daughter Samantha, who was working with her mother on the morning of the blast, started to sob. "They are tears of rage, we think she has got over the shock. Samantha just can't bear what has happened to us and all the others in the Exchange," her mother said.

Cheek by jowl with the Corn Exchange, Manchester Cathedral took less of the blast but bears some scars. The clock on the tower stopped, fissures appeared in the roof and stained glass windows bulged and shattered.

The Very Rev Ken Riley, Dean of the Cathedral, showed the damage to Mary Robinson, the Irish President, when she visited the city over the weekend to express her country's condolences. As they posed for the cameras, she said she was impressed by "the very positive spirit"

shown since the bombing. After she left, the Dean spoke of his fears and concern for those who had lost everything. He agreed that the city still had a "wounded feeling".

"Some are a long way from being healed, particularly in the business community.

The Church's job is to try to keep hope alive, if possible.

"It is going to be a very long time before some get back on their feet again. This talk of optimism for the future is insensitive when there are still so many in pain."

The Dean described the city fathers and developers involved in the rebuilding plan as "great movers and shakers, second to none". Talk of a swift return to normal life was premature, though. "There's a great deal of bravado coming across at the moment, but I think everyone should remember Manchester is still in deep shock. We coped the lot this time."

Alzheimer's woman wins right to NHS care

By DOMINIC KENNEDY

A PATIENT dying from Alzheimer's disease has won the right to be looked after in a health-service hospital instead of having to sell her home to pay for care.

Kathleen Richardson, 76, has been a patient at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, for 18 months. The Winchester and Eastleigh Healthcare NHS Trust wanted to discharge her into long-term care, for which social services would have required her to sell her house to pay the £16,000-a-year fees.

Her daughter-in-law, Valerie Richardson, 50, a businesswoman and founder of the care-rights group Health Aid, argued that Mrs Richardson should be treated on the NHS because she was terminally ill. The trust has relented and agreed to let her stay.

Valerie Richardson said: "This is a landmark which will affect tens of thousands of people, perhaps hundreds of thousands, throughout the country. They don't have to sell their homes to pay for their care."

"My mother-in-law has now been given a long-term healthcare plan as an inpatient. Earlier in the year she was told she could be discharged. The whole bungle has been about trying to force her out of a health service bed into welfare provision."

"Three years ago you would never have found Alzheimer's patients being discharged into residential care homes but they have done it to save money because they are £5,000 a year cheaper."

Health Aid advises families of patients how to make the health service pay for care.

Winchester and Eastleigh NHS Trust declined to comment. It is likely to be sensitive to such cases after the health service ombudsman last week rebuked Winchester Health Authority for moving a 95-year-old man from hospital to long-term care against a consultant's advice.

Former minister heads seal protest

By JAMES LANDALE

ALAN CLARK, the former Tory minister, is spearheading a campaign to prevent the Government scrapping a law that curbs the trade in seal skins.

Mr Clark, a former Defence Minister, said it was monstrous that ministers were planning to make it easier for Canada, the main trader, to export seal skins to Britain.

The Government wants to repeal a regulation that forces traders to label their products clearly to show whether they are made of sealskin and from which country they come. Ministers hope to push the move through just before the summer recess, when few MPs are in Westminster.

The Trades Descriptions (Sealskin Goods) (Information) Order 1980 prompted a huge drop in sealskin imports after public distaste at television pictures of seal cubs being clubbed to death in Canada. A MORI poll this weekend found that 92 per cent of people support retaining the law.

Trade officials claim the move is prompted by the Government's deregulation drive to cut red tape. They say the law is defunct because there is little sealskin trade in the UK. However, they emphasised the matter was still subject to consultation.

The International Fund for Animal Welfare wrote to John Taylor, the Junior Trade Minister, last week, arguing that if the order were repealed sealskin products would flood into Britain.

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A model in a lemon-yellow sheath with inset spiral, displaying Versace's skill as a cutter

Versace takes new direction in couture's cut and thrust

BY GRACE BRADBERRY
STYLE EDITOR

GIANNI VERSACE, the king of overtly sexual evening wear, has abandoned the "happy hooker" look. His couture show for autumn/winter, shown at the Paris Ritz on Saturday, was verging on the prudish. Where once flesh would have been bared, there were panels of chiffon, and nothing to compete with the sado-masochistic chainmail dresses of two years ago.

Valentino, the other Italian designer showing this week, exchanged his traditional good taste for something raunchier. One model was sent down the catwalk in nothing but pinstripe trousers and a strategically placed scarf, and some evening dresses were in see-through lace with one opaque black panel at the front.

Only one Versace dress revealed anything. Worn by Naomi Campbell, it was a long, single-strapped dress with the area between bust and waist cut out. Even so, it



Lisa Marie Presley and Elton John at the Paris show

was tame compared with his safety-pin dress worn by Elizabeth Hurley two years ago.

But Versace is a showman and what he was showing off was his skill as a cutter. The most striking dresses had contrasting stripes of colour that stalked round the body — a few of designs. They appeared first in black with blue and red stripes, then with yellow and blue as the dominant colour.

The only flash of bad taste was teaming grey animal-print dresses with blood-red stoles. They were fake, but was this a sign of support for animal rights groups, or a

joke at their expense? To the buyer such niceties are irrelevant; they are watching for the clothes beneath.

Versace's new conservatism comes at a time when designers are under pressure to justify the existence of couture. Most collections are less-leaders, kept up to lend prestige to the ready-to-wear and perfume businesses. This has led to a tendency to create sensations, rather than to design wearable clothes.

Though the emergence of Karl Lagerfeld at Chanel, Christian Lacroix and, most recently, John Galliano at Givenchy has revived inter-

est, most collections do not break even and designers are under pressure to find buyers for their creations.

Versace's decision to enter the couture market in 1989 was another boost, though strictly speaking he is not a couturier. His clothes are made in Italy, sometimes using machines, rather than the *petits-mains*, as the seamstresses are known. As a result, he does not meet the stringent requirements of the *chambre syndicale*.

Significantly, Versace's celebrity entourage was pared down this week. Two years ago, Elizabeth Hurley, Hugh Grant, Brian Ferry and Prince were in the front row. On Saturday there was only Elton John, who spends a reported £1 million a year on Versace, and Lisa Marie Presley, who is due to appear in his advertising campaign.

But for Versace, the emphasis may have shifted to women such as Mouna al-Rashid, wife of a Saudi businessman and one of his wealthiest clients, who will actually place orders.



A light-grey satin ensemble from the Italian designer Valentino, who showed a raunchier side

Teenagers go to court for right to see siblings

By LIN JENKINS

TWO teenagers are taking legal action against their former stepmother to win the right to see their younger half-brother and sister. Lisa and Gareth Rogers have been granted legal aid to take their battle to Newcastle upon Tyne County Court next week.

The pair lost touch with Lauren, 4, and Aaron, 5, when their father and his former wife failed to resolve their dispute over access to the children. They saw an article in a newspaper about a child who went to court to be allowed to see her sister and asked their father, Hedley, if they could do the same.

"My solicitor said it was not advisable as I was still trying to get some sort of access and was going backwards and forwards to court," Mr Rogers, who works for the Department of Transport, said. "But now he has said that they might as well try."

Lisa, 16, who has just taken her GCSEs, and Gareth, 14, have not seen the other half of their family for over a year. Mr Rogers and his second wife, Susan Spencer, separated in October 1993 and divorced in June 1994. An interim court order allowed Mr Rogers to see his younger children every fortnight on

Sunday afternoon but the couple have yet to reach an amicable permanent arrangement.

Mr Rogers said: "Whatever happens between myself and my ex-wife should not affect the children. Lisa and Gareth are very fond of them and want to see them. They were around when they were born and were thrilled by them. They do not want to lose contact."

The case is being brought under the Children Act 1989, which provides for children to use the courts, independently of adults.

Lisa said: "If going to court is the only way we're going to see our little brother and sister that's what we'll do." Gareth added: "We just want to get to know them. They were only babies when my dad and Susan split up."

Ken Carlisle, their solicitor, said: "Bringing a case through the children is unusual. The court will investigate whether it is in the best interests of the younger children to see their brother and sister."

Mrs Spencer, who lives three miles from her former husband in Kenton, Newcastle, said: "My kids are so settled and happy that they just don't want to be involved."

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MP demands investigation into 30-year lease

Government pays £1m a year for empty offices

By IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is paying nearly £1 million a year in rent for an empty 17-storey office block that it does not want, cannot use and has been unable to sub-let. It will have to go on paying the money until 2009 unless it can find some way of escaping from a 30-year lease agreed in 1979.

The asbestos-clad tower was built for London Transport (LT) in 1971 above Archway tube station in north London. In 1978 LT let it on a 150-year lease to Hambros, who sub-let it to the Department of Social Security.

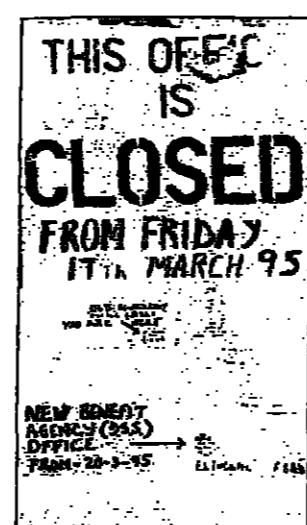
Hambros later transferred the long-term lease, which runs until 2122, to a Mr Patel and a Mr Shah, who are now paid the fixed £913,400 annual rent by the Property Advisers to the Civil Estate (Pace), the government agency that manages public buildings.

The building was originally used as clerical offices and benefits payment bureaux for the Department of Social Sec-

urity. However, the Government's decentralisation policy, introduced in the 1980s, shifted clerical work to Glasgow, Belfast and Wigan. The two benefits-payment bureaux, which occupied two floors of the building, were moved to smaller local offices last March, leaving the tower empty. The rent, however, still has to be paid.

Jeremy Corbyn, Labour MP for Islington North, the constituency in which the tower stands, is calling for an investigation by the Public Spending Committee into why the department took out the 30-year lease. "It is mind boggling," he said yesterday. "We need to know why such a long-term lease was taken out when it could probably have bought the entire building for a lot less."

"As it is, the taxpayer is saddled with finding nearly £13 million to pay rent for a totally useless building. My constituents would like to see



The tower has stood empty for 15 months

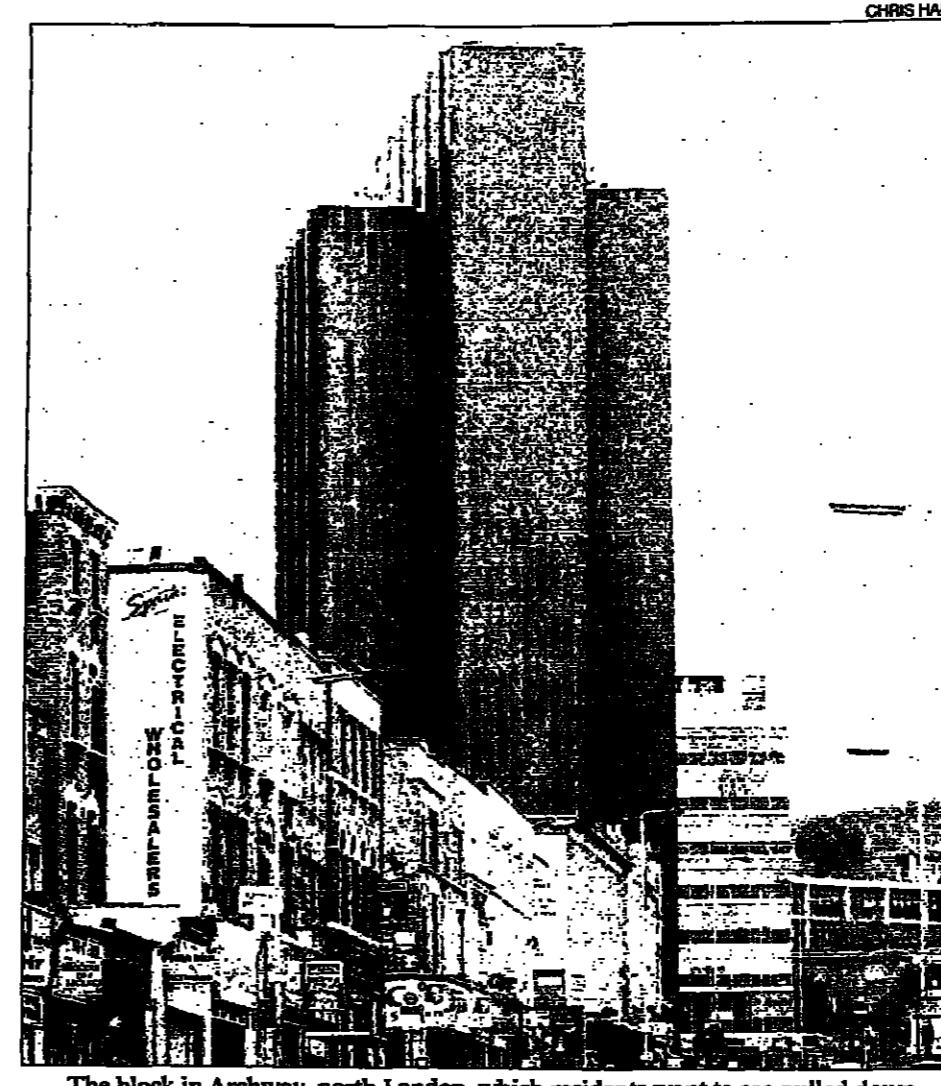
it pulled down because it is so ugly and useless. It just stands there as a monument to incompetence."

"Even when it was in use by the DSS it was totally unsuit-

able. The benefits offices were miles away from the area they served. People used to throw furniture through the windows in frustration while they were waiting. It is full of asbestos and it can't be properly cleaned. It costs £1 million a year that ought to be going to people on benefits."

A Cabinet Office spokeswoman said that Pace was trying to market the building and it might be converted into flats. "The trouble is that it is in need of major refurbishment and that will cost so much that it might be cheaper to go on paying the rent. This kind of problem is not unique and affects the private sector as well as the Government. There are just more offices than the country needs."

Islington Council would also like to see the tower pulled down. "It is a complete blockage on the comprehensive development of the area," a spokesman said. "It's a wasted resource, a blight on the area and the community doesn't like it."



The block in Archway, north London, which residents want to see pulled down

CHRIS HARRIS
NEWS IN BRIEF

Crossword finalist through in 7½ minutes

The Birmingham regional final of *The Times* Abitur crossword competition was won by Peter Biddlecombe, 36, a computer programmer from Hyde Heath, Buckinghamshire, who solved the four puzzles in an average time of 7½ minutes. The runner-up was Michael Clarke, 46; third was Jack Robertson, 54; the doubles title went to Paul Collacott and Andrew Bull, aged 39 and 23, in an average time of 12½ minutes.

Crossword, page 22

Zoo's charity day

A zoo owner on the Isle of Wight who refused entry to a group of mentally disabled people because he said they would frighten his animals is to hold a fund-raising day for Mencap. The charity had criticised Jack Corney but praised his gesture yesterday.

Hang-glider hurt

A man was taken to hospital with suspected spinal injuries after two hang-gliders collided over Combe Gibbet, near Hungerford, Berkshire. Police said his condition was not life-threatening. Another person was treated at the scene.

US sailor rescued

A coastguard helicopter flew 205 miles from Sumburgh to airlift a sailor with internal bleeding on the *USS Loyal*, near the Arctic circle. The four-man crew was scrambled on Saturday afternoon after an SOS relayed by the US Coast Guard in Virginia.

Victim named

A two-year-old girl killed when a car ran across a pavement and into a shop was named as Jennifer Edgar. Jennifer, of Thirsk, North Yorkshire, was walking with her mother and two young brothers in the town centre on Friday.

Gas getaway

British Gas is offering prizes of weekends in Europe to try to cut the millions of unread meters. Four in ten bills are currently estimated. All customers who allow meter readers into their homes or read them themselves will be entered into the draw.

Village gossip

Villagers in Sharow, North Yorkshire, are trying to find out who cast the village hall fund £475 in a telephone call to a chatline lasting 20 hours and 20 minutes. The committee had already decided calls must be curtailed after its last bill of £45.

Five-year project to seek cause of asthma

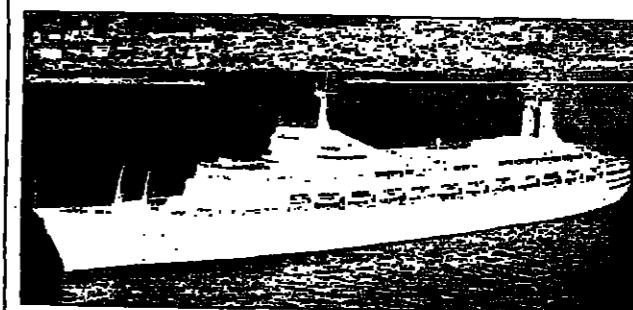
By ANDREW PIERCE

A NATIONAL five-year, £5 million research programme to try to identify the cause of asthma will be announced today by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, in a speech at Southampton University.

The news comes as ministers are considering upgrading the significance of asthma, which affects about three million in Britain. Mr Dorrell may give asthma a specific target in the way that breast cancer and heart disease are treated.

Figures published by the *British Medical Journal* in January showed that cases of asthma had doubled in schoolchildren in five years. One child suffering from an attack is admitted to hospital every four minutes.

Government scientists, working with the Medical Research Council, will evaluate the effectiveness of treatments such as homeopathic medicines, drugs and the conventional inhaler. The study will also look at the effect of air pollution which, while a big factor in the aggravation of the disease, is not its cause, according to the Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollutants.



Canberra could end her days as a floating hotel

Buyers plan to keep *Canberra* afloat

By STEPHEN FARRELL

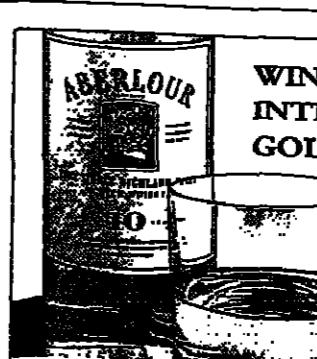
THE cruise liner *Canberra* looks certain to escape the scrapyard when her sailing days are over. Prospective buyers plan to use her for millennium projects in Britain or a floating hotel in Australia. P&O received several inquiries a day after announcing last month that the ship was to be withdrawn from service in September next year.

The company, which holds the rights to the name *Canberra* and will stop any buyer operating her as a potential cruise rival, declined to disclose details of interested parties or the size of their offers.

Gwyn Hughes, managing director of P&O Cruises, said

no decision had been taken about the *Canberra*'s future, but it now seemed unlikely the vessel would be sold for scrap. "We have had a significant number of approaches since the announcement. Some projects have been very interesting and might involve lottery funds to convert the vessel for millennium celebrations," he said yesterday. "It is our judgment that there is a very good chance something feasible will come about before the ship goes out of service."

The 44,807-tonne *Canberra* cost £17 million to build and was the largest postwar British passenger ship when launched 36 years ago.



Israeli leader's US visit overshadowed by growing claims of his partner's tyrannical ways

Netanyahu's wife steals limelight with new demands

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

FRESH disclosures about the private life of Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Prime Minister, and his third wife, Sara, 35, continued to dominate the Hebrew media yesterday, causing concern among his entourage that they may overshadow his first official trip to the United States starting tomorrow.

Mrs Netanyahu — a former air stewardess turned child psychologist, whose imperious ways have been likened to those of Hillary Clinton — is reported to insist on having a personal hairdresser at her beck and call in the US and to have sent a "shopping list" of baby requirements, including nappies, to be purchased by the Israeli Embassy in Washington.

There was concern in the Prime Minister's office last night that reports about the Netanyahus' private life and allegations that Mrs Netanyahu subjected two nannies to tyrannical treatment, would distract from political coverage of the Prime Minister's image-building trip. There is also concern that American journalists might attempt to secure stories from Mr Netanyahu's first two wives — Micky and Fleur — and his 18-year-old daughter, Noa, who all live in America.

In a profile of the new Israeli leader, *Vanity Fair*



Ben-Yair: shouted at for eating a tomato

• There is a shadow over them which reappears again and again. It is worrisome •

tracked Fleur, his second wife, to an investment office in New York where, although she has recently remarried, her secretary answered the phone as "Fleur, Netanyahu's office". The magazine quoted Mr Netanyahu's spokesman as asking apprehensively: "Are you planning to call either of the former wives?"

The political damage that stories of disharmony in the Netanyahu household are causing Israel's youngest Prime Minister was illustrated by a commentary yesterday in the respected Tel Aviv paper *Haaretz*, the leading Israeli broadsheet. "Sara Netanyahu is trying to make her life easy when she dismisses the whole issue as a politically motivated story. There is a shadow hanging over them which reappears again and again, and it is worrisome."

"Political differences aside, all of Israel's citizens would want their Prime Minister to function in a healthy atmosphere, free from emotional shocks in his home life," wrote Amnon Danker, a columnist.

"Under most circumstances, the press should not intervene in the goings-on in the private lives of their leaders; they deserve their privacy, even in the age of direct elections and even though the leaders themselves use their families to generate positive reports. On the other hand, leaders cannot demand privacy when the press exposes worrisome human activities."

Another disclosure about Mr Netanyahu — who three years ago admitted adultery

with an Israeli political consultant — involved a front-page photograph of him sharing drinks with a previously unknown Italian friend, 46-year-old Catherine Mondadori. *Yediot Acharonot* reported that their platonic relationship had pre-dated his marriage.

According to the paper, which described her as a "soulmate" of the Prime Minister, Signora Mondadori denied that they had ever had an affair.

Last week Manchester-born Heidi Ben-Yair, 22, confirmed earlier claims that Mrs Netanyahu subjected domestic servants to obsessive and tyrannical behaviour. Miss Ben-Yair claimed she had been shouted at for eating a tomato, had been forced to work from 5.30am to midnight, and that she had resigned after only one week.

Yediot Acharonot, Tel Aviv's best-selling daily, meanwhile secured an embarrassing official denial that Tanya Shaw, another disaffected nanny in the Netanyahu household, had been sacked for "security reasons" — as had been claimed by the Prime Minister's office.

Raising the political stakes,

Yediot Acharonot reported that there had been no recommendation by Shin Bet, Israel's equivalent to MI5, to dismiss Ms Shaw, 21, who was unceremoniously ejected from the Netanyahu home eight days ago after burning a saucer of vegetable soup. Ms Shaw subsequently painted a picture of domestic tyranny imposed by Mrs Netanyahu and her obsession with cleanliness.

The newspaper quoted a Shin Bet official as saying:

"Not just any security guard can decide to fire a nanny for security reasons. There must be a proper recommendation. The closer a worker is to the PM, the more wide-ranging the investigation. Tanya Shaw also underwent such an examination."



Binyamin Netanyahu and his third wife, Sara, during May's election campaign, before allegations of domestic disharmony came to light

Mossad dossier to set peace priorities

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

A SECRET Mossad report on Syrian and Iranian involvement in terrorist activities against Israel, America and other countries will accompany Binyamin Netanyahu on his visit to Washington tomorrow.

According to the Tel Aviv paper *Haaretz*, the new Mossad chief, Yaron Yatom, and the head of military intelligence were ordered to draw up the document to reinforce the Israeli Prime Minister's drive for more concentrated anti-terrorist activity. It will also support his demand that a halt to terrorist activities against Israel is the sine qua non of any new peace talks with Damascus.

The weekly trip will have far-reaching regional and US political implications with both President Clinton — who openly supported Shimon Peres in Israel's May election — and the leading Republican candidate, Bob Dole, anxious to use their personal ties with Mr Netanyahu to secure the

Jedda: President Chirac of France, on an official visit to Saudi Arabia, yesterday urged Israel to disclose quickly whether it intends to pursue the Middle East peace process. He gave a warning that it was obvious "uncertainty will lead to a resumption of terrorism", adding: "This is not an academic theory, it is a genuine risk". (Reuters)

Jewish vote in the November presidential election.

Senior Western sources predict that, despite differences over Mr Netanyahu's plans to expand Jewish settlements and his opposition to the "land for peace" formula favoured by the Clinton Administration, the two men will reinforce the two countries' traditional ties. "America itself is now convinced that Syria had a link to the Dhahran bombing, so minds will be meeting on that issue, and on the need to freeze out Iran," one diplomat said.

There are two key unresolved issues on which diplomats expect Mr Clinton to seek answers from the Israeli leader. He will want to know if Mr Netanyahu intends to pull Israeli troops out of the West Bank town of Hebron, in line with the 1993 peace deal; and whether he intends to meet personally with the Palestinian Authority leader, Yasir Arafat.

Israeli political sources said they believed that Mr Netanyahu would attempt to improve his hardline image by offering a pledge in principle to go ahead with a watered-down version of the Hebron pullout and to commit himself to a face-to-face meeting with Mr Arafat without naming a date.

So far Mr Clinton, 49, and Mr Netanyahu, 46, have deliberately played down their differences behind a barrier of clichés which American reporters will be hoping to penetrate during the host of briefings and press conferences which Mr Netanyahu has arranged. Israeli papers have played up the similarities, noting that both

men represent a "new" generation, having leapt past more seasoned politicians while battling questions of marital infidelity.

They also have a language in common. Educated in America in business and architecture, Mr Netanyahu is an outspoken admirer of American ways who speaks fluent English and, like Mr Clinton, is a master of US-style politics in the television age. He has been credited with doing much in his first weeks in power to switch Israel to a more presidential style of government.

One conclusion of the talks is expected to be a dramatic switch in emphasis from the so-called "Syrian track" in the peace process towards the "Palestinian track", in which Mr Netanyahu will attempt to convince the Palestinians to accept wide-ranging autonomy over their affairs, combined with economic benefits instead of any more hope of eventual sovereignty over the Israeli-occupied West Bank, east Jerusalem or Gaza Strip.

Support grows for Kuwaiti Christian sentenced to die

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A BUSINESSMAN, effectively sentenced to death by an Islamic court in Kuwait for converting from Islam to Christianity, said yesterday that the disclosure of his plight by *The Times* had given him hope of survival.

Robert Hussein, 45, speaking from hiding in Kuwait, said: "It has been a miracle that I have survived for so long. Now many people have come forward to offer to help me because of your exposure of the terror I have lived with. I feel wonderful today."

The newspaper reported on Saturday that Mr Hussein had been forced into hiding after the Islamic court ruled that he was guilty of apostasy, which Islamic lawyers said was punishable by death.

Mr Hussein said earlier that he had rejected offers of large sums of money from Muslims to try to persuade him to return to Islam. He spoke as calls for action to help him spread at the weekend in Britain and America.

The growing clamour surrounding Mr Hussein also prompted criticism of the West by a Kuwaiti politician, who said the Islamic court's ruling was sound, and suggested that Mr Hussein would have to get used to it.

Britain has expressed concern over the case to Kuwait, through the British Embassy there.

Mr Hussein, once an affluent businessman but now an



Hussein: "Many people have offered to help"

outcast because of his new faith, has not seen or talked to his children for seven months. His only contact with his wife has been by telephone, he said, from the house where he is hiding. Once the general manager of a family building and trading business that had \$5 million (£3.2 million) in assets, Mr Hussein now fears reprisals and has had to move from house to house, mostly staying with Western expatriates.

In a bitter report to the West, meanwhile, Khaled al-Adwa, a leading Islamic politician in Kuwait, said that the country's Islamists did not want an international uproar over Mr Hussein. Mr Adwa, a fiery member of the powerful Islamic caucus in Kuwait's 50-seat elected assembly, said

Western countries could not lecture Kuwait on human rights because they did not observe such rights, the English-language *Kuwaiti News* reported.

"Religious courts have the jurisdiction in matters of personal status for Muslims, so the court has already decided to declare [Mr Hussein] an apostate and there is no other alternative for this conversion, which is forbidden in Islam," Mr Adwa said.

Christian pressure groups in the United States and Britain protested strongly to Kuwait's embassies in Washington and London about the ruling.

Donald Anderson, Labour MP for Swansea East, said the Kuwaitis should reverse the ruling, and urged the British Government to intervene on Mr Hussein's behalf. "If they [the Kuwaitis] have any regard for world public opinion and their image outside, they must do something about this," he told the BBC. "Clearly it is quite unacceptable that people who change their faith are persecuted in this way and they must be embarrassed into conforming with international laws."

The accident came at a time of widespread American concern about airline safety after the ValuJet Everglades disaster in May, which also happened in Florida. ValuJet's aircraft are now grounded.

Delta's Flight 1288, bound for Atlanta, was accelerating for takeoff when the engine failed. It stopped 500 yards down the runway.

Two die as jet engine explodes

FROM QUENTIN LETTS
IN NEW YORK

A WOMAN and her 12-year-old son died on a Delta Airway jet when one of its engines disintegrated before take-off and fragments of metal sliced through the fuselage.

The McDonnell Douglas 88 aircraft was within seconds of taking off from Pensacola, Florida, on Saturday when its port engine, on the rear of the fuselage, blew apart. Anita Saxon and her son, Nolan, who were sitting towards the rear of the plane, died almost instantly after being struck by debris.

Five others were seriously injured and several people received minor injuries during an emergency evacuation.

An "obvious hole" could be seen in the fuselage of the eight-year-old plane yesterday, said Bill Berry, a Delta official. The incident was described as a "rotor burst" or "uncontained engine failure", an occasional phenomenon with jet aircraft when an engine fails apart at speed, shooting out shrapnel.

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Mandela should be pledging change, not more of the same

FROM R.W. JOHNSON
IN DURBAN

REACHING a judgment on the achievement of Nelson Mandela as he nears the halfway stage of his presidency is no easy matter.

On the one hand he enjoys an unchallengeable authority and huge popularity in South Africa — and yet he has only a limited control over affairs of government. Similarly, he enjoys enormous status internationally but has signally failed in his constant appeals for foreign investment. And while he is universally admired by his fellow South Africans, new figures show a steadily rising curve of emigration by the skilled professionals on whom the economy crucially depends.

Mr Mandela himself is fully aware of these contradictions and

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of the widespread misgivings about what will happen when he hands over to his unanointed successor, the Deputy President Thabo Mbeki — which is why he is now energetically trying to "sell" Mr Mbeki to British and European businessmen. In fact, Mr Mbeki is already clearly as much in charge of the Government as Mr Mandela, perhaps more — it is he who chairs the Cabinet and who attempts such policy co-ordination as exists. In the French Fourth Republic it was commonly said the President existed only to open the flower shows — *un président pour les chrysanthèmes*. Mr Mandela is rather more than that, but even he insists that he is too old (now nearly 78) to be in charge of the

Government, that he will be 81 when he steps down, and that already "rather than being an asset I'm a decoration".

If one asks investment bankers why there has been so little response to Mr Mandela's repeated pleas for foreign investment, one gets the succinct answer "policy drift". After more than two years in office the Government, paralysed by its wish to placate the trade unions and the Communist Party, still has no real economic strategy, merely a wish list.

Both Mr Mandela and Mr Mbeki have repeatedly announced their determination to privatise state industries, but nothing has been privatised. Education is in a mess and yet the Government shows no inclination to deal with the riotous students who have brought one campus after another

to a standstill. The Health Minister promises to bring forward proposals for a national health service, but has not done so. Meanwhile, the right to free care has been extended while state hospital subsidies have been cut, bringing many hospitals to the point of collapse.

The Government's centrepiece, the Reconstruction and Development Plan, has had its ministry abolished and the plan as a whole is beginning to drop from public sight. The Minister of Housing, despite promises of a massive building programme, is putting up houses at only a third of the rate that F.W. de Klerk's Government did. The Minister of Justice constantly warns that the justice system is near breakdown, while the police confess they are almost powerless to stop the massive crime wave. And so on and on.

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative yesterday urged President Mandela and John Major to press Nigeria to release political prisoners and move quickly towards civilian rule (Eve-Ann Prentice writes).

The Government, which has enormous ambitions to transform and reconstitute South Africa, seems to preside ineffectually over a Wild West society it cannot control. Meanwhile, the black poor who voted the ANC into power have seen almost no real change. Many observers blame this situation on ministerial incompetence and affirmative-action appointments. In reality, the situation is somewhat more complex. Mr Mandela has subordinated all else

to the goal of national reconciliation which he so tirelessly preaches, and the ANC is also a broad church that seeks to keep together an alliance of Africanists, Communists, black business men, students, trade unionists, peasants and the unemployed by means of endless consultation. The result is a general squeamishness about offending pressure groups which, in turn, tends to paralyse action.

There is no doubt race relations are better than ever and that Mr Mandela's policy of national reconciliation is working remarkably well. But what Mr Mandela has conspicuously failed to do is create real change to the black poor, launching just one major privatisation, acting firmly to restore order on troubled campuses or sacking a few of the more obviously incompetent ministers. Of such decisions there is, sadly, as yet no sign.

Mandela and applauded national reconciliation.

In that sense Mr Mandela is making a mistake by reassuring investors that the transition to Mr Mbeki will mean complete continuity. The problem is precisely that what is needed is not a continuation of the present drift but some decisive action to reformat national priorities and cut through various policy log jams.

Nothing Mr Mandela can say would be half as effective as, for example, announcing that the Government would make appointments on merit to help to deliver real change to the black poor, launching just one major privatisation, acting firmly to restore order on troubled campuses or sacking a few of the more obviously incompetent ministers. Of such decisions there is, sadly, as yet no sign.

Clinton clear of Whitewater 'until after the election'

BY MARTIN FLETCHER, US EDITOR

KENNETH STARR, the Whitewater special prosecutor, dealt a blow to Bob Dole's hopes of winning the White House yesterday by suggesting that he was unlikely to recommend criminal charges against either President Clinton or his wife before November's election.

Mr Starr said he planned to adhere to the Justice Department's traditional practice of taking into account the effect any charges would have on the electoral process. "That's a powerful counsel for restraint," he told *The New Yorker* magazine.

The special prosecutor's comments will delight the White House, as an indication of either the President or

First Lady has long seemed the biggest potential threat to Mr Clinton's re-election. However, the article by James Stewart, author of an acclaimed book on Whitewater, also delivers a warning that Mr Starr could snare Mr Clinton in a second term. Mr Stewart reported that Mr Starr's inquiry was "heading towards the President himself", and he had considered the politically explosive step of naming the President as an "unindicted co-conspirator" in the recent fraud trial of Jim and Susan McDougal, Mr Clinton's former Whitewater business partners.

Mr Stewart also suggested that Mr McDougal's loyalty towards Mr Clinton was "wa-
vering" since his conviction, implying he might co-operate with Mr Starr in return for a lesser sentence. "There's no reason to do anything for the Clintons because they're not going to do a damn thing for us," said Mr McDougal.

Mr Clinton was, meanwhile, giving videotaped testimony at the White House yesterday for a second Whitewater trial now taking place in Little Rock. Mr Clinton's testimony was summoned by lawyers for two Arkansas bankers accused of illegally channelling more than \$13,000 (£8,200) of bank funds into Mr Clinton's 1990 campaign for re-election as Governor.

This was the second time in three months that the President had suffered the indignity of being called as a defence witness. In April the McDougal summoned him to testify in their trial in a bid to discredit David Hale, the former head of a Little Rock loan company and the prosecution's chief witness. Mr Hale claimed that in 1986 Mr Clinton, as Governor, pressured him to make an illegal \$300,000 loan to Mrs McDougal from government-insured funds earmarked for the economically disadvantaged. Mr Clinton categorically denied the charge, but — to the President's embarrassment — the jury convicted the McDougal anyway.

The New York article said Mr Starr's team was investigating whether Mr Clinton was part of a criminal conspiracy to obtain that loan to a property that would save the Whitewater Development Corporation from collapse. The article noted that the prosecutor's questioning of both the McDougal and Mr Clinton in that first trial went well beyond what was necessary to secure the McDougal's convictions.

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Hispanic picks up votes in Texas

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN GROESBECK, TEXAS

THE people in this hot, dusty town in rural east Texas are unaccustomed to any visits by candidates for the US Senate, still less the sort Victor Morales paid them.

He drove his battered white Nissan pick-up with a crumpled door and crack across its windscreen. In the back was his suitcase, a picnic basket and campaign leaflets.

Groesbeck, with a population of 3,185, was the sixty-second town Mr Morales had visited in 19 days. He spent an hour telling how he — a man with practically no funds and still less political experience — planned to topple the mighty Phil Gramm this November.

He took a collection for petrol money, then set off for the next stop in America's most quixotic campaign of the year. "You're either crazy or the gutsiest person I've ever met," one leathery old Groesbeck rancher told him. "Either way you'll fit in up in Washington." Mr Morales is a short, dapper, 46-year-old civics teacher at a Dallas high school whose students last

year dared him to run for the Democratic nomination against two sitting congressmen and one other well-known Texan politician.

He took leave of absence from his job, withdrew \$8,000 (£5,100) from his savings, and last June set off on a 60,000-mile journey around Texas.

Mr Morales, the only Hispanic running against three white men, emerged victorious as the state's first-ever Hispanic Senate nominee. He drove his pick-up on to the floor of the state Democratic convention in San Antonio to a thunderous ovation.

On the face of it, Morales v. Gramm, the current state Republican senator, is a hopeless match. Mr Morales knows he can never beat Mr Gramm at his own game, and is continuing as before. But he has caught the imagination of the public.

Bob Dole, the leading Republican presidential candidate, should be uneasy. Mr Morales could conceivably deliver America's second biggest state to Bill Clinton.



Hunt for graves begins

ting illegal Serb heavy weapons. Civilians jostled with American troops on Saturday, believing they had come to arrest General Ratko Mladic, the Serb military leader who is based there.

Hundreds of people had blocked a road and Bosnian Serb forces threatened to shoot down the helicopters, which moved in after spot-

ing illegal Serb heavy weapons.

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Yesterday war crimes investigators completed their first day of excavation at a suspected mass grave site a few miles from Srebrenica where hundreds of slaughtered Muslims are thought to be buried. The 20-strong team, assisted by a group of local workers, cleared undergrowth from a patch of ground on a densely wooded hillside near the village of

Cerska, preparing for mechanical diggers to start work today.

Earlier a team of Norwegian experts swept the hillside with mine detectors and marked out an area with yellow ribbons.

As many as 8,000 Muslim men from the enclave are still missing and presumed dead after it fell to the Serbs last July. (AFP)

Bonn warns Russia over art works

BONN: Russia would damage its ties with Bonn if it went ahead with plans to nationalise works of art and other valuables seized from Germany in the Second World War. Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, said.

He told *Welt am Sonntag* that proposed Russian legislation would violate international law and bilateral treaties. "Unilateral action as envisioned by the Duma would block the way for resolving mutually this difficult and sensitive matter," Herr Kinkel said.

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Revealed — the truth about false memory syndrome

The details were stomach-churning. In 1994, Connie Stevick, a 30-year-old teacher from Metropolis, Illinois, swore on oath that she recalled her father, Larry Stegman, and another man raping, murdering and disembowelling a woman.

There was one problem for the prosecution. Connie was three years old at the time of the alleged crime, and her "memories" had been eased out by a psychotherapist whom Connie had contacted while feeling depressed. The case was thrown out and Connie's recollections—which tallied disturbingly with an unsolved death of a woman in 1967—were dismissed as gruesome fantasies made up under hypnosis.

False-memory syndrome, of which the Stegman case is thought to be an example, has

been the unsavoury flip-side to the rise in popularity of psychotherapy, hypnosis and counselling. This is why a report to be published in the August issue of *Neuron*, a journal on brain research, is so important.

American scientists have discovered a way of

showing the difference between a true memory and a false one.

Although they emphasise that their method could not be used in court yet—it is too complicated and expensive—the research shows that even the most secret workings of the brain can be picked out. The "memories" show up as tiny, bright blobs in brain scans which were obtained from 12 volunteers at the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Centre in Phoenix, Arizona. The positron emission tomography (PET) scanners measure blood flow to brain cells, which is a measure of activity. Cells become active when they retrieve memories. The researchers found that a true memory results in more cerebral activity, and therefore more blobs.

On paper, the logistics of setting up such an experiment seem a nightmare. First, the scientists had to get their human guinea-pigs to recall true memories, and then get them to recall false ones.

The trouble was, the subjects had to be convinced that they were telling the truth and recalling real events. After all, that is the hallmark of false-memory syndrome.

The research team, led by

Dr Daniel Schacter from Harvard University, came up with a simple but ingenious idea.

The 12 volunteers, all women, were read a list of words. These words were vaguely related by subject—examples are *candy, cake and chocolate*.

The women were then read a second list which featured some of the words on the first list. They were asked to sort out which words had been repeated and which were impostors. Most volunteers recalled true memories. Then a third list was read out. But this

time the impostors included words very similar to the original ones, such as *sweet*. These impostors fooled eight volunteers into thinking they had heard them before.

As the women tried to distinguish between the original words and the impostors, their brains were scanned. The brain

seemed more active in a certain region while recalling a true memory. Dr Eric Reiman, Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Arizona and second author of the *Neuron* paper, says this is easily understood.

"In the case of a real word, the brain both recognises it in the case of an impostor word, the brain was looking at a word that was neither heard nor recalled."

Dr Reiman speculates there may be another reason for true memories stirring the brain more than false ones—our senses. For example, if you recalled smelling a rose on a summer's day, part of your memory might be the sweetness of its perfume, or how hot the day was. These sensory details are not available to somebody who didn't actually smell the flower.

As might be imagined, the effects are extremely subtle. Once the scans were made, a powerful computer program moulded each person's image into the same shape and overlaid them. "We then enhanced regions of blood flow, and the red patches generated

for 12 people were put together," Dr Reiman explains.

These scans showed that both accurate and illusory memories, as Dr Reiman labels them, trigger brain activity in the region of the left hippocampus, the part of the brain involved in conscious memory. Dr Reiman and his colleagues propose that this region of the brain gives the sense that both the true and false memories are authentic.

The difference between real and imagined memories was concentrated in the temporoparietal region, a site in the brain known to decipher sound information.

Dr Reiman explains: "This information is not available to people who have not heard the word being said." Had the words been written down,



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The brain's most secret workings can be picked out



COMPUTER-ENHANCED brain images, above, show the region of the brain involved in memory. The dark spots highlight increased blood flow, a sign of brain activity. When a word was remembered accurately, left, and falsely, centre, the left hippocampus was stimulated. But a true memory stirred additional activity in the region known to handle sound patterns, right. This hallmark of authentic memory emerged when researchers looked at the differences between the first two images. It suggests sensory details distinguish true memories from false ones.

Secret listening devices stun oceanographers □ Farmers in Wagga Wagga fight off ryegrass

Spying from the seabed

THE end of the Cold War has brought an unexpected bonus to oceanographers. A network of secret seafloor listening devices installed by the Americans to listen to the sound of Soviet submarines is being opened for use by scientists. And what they can hear is astonishing them.

In one study, Dr Christopher Clark, of Cornell University, used the microphones to follow a single blue whale for 43 days as it swam south from Bermuda and back, covering nearly 2,000 miles. Others have listened to shoals of fish, the seabed shaking as a result of tremors, volcanoes erupting, and the sound of the French testing nuclear weapons.

The oceans are a world of sound, which can travel huge distances and contains a vast amount of information. Listening to the sounds "is the same as the Hubble telescope pointing out to the stars", according to Chris Miller, who manages a series of microphones off the California coast. "Acoustics in the ocean is the equivalent of light in space. It's the one thing that can transmit for hundreds or thousands of miles," he told *The New York Times*.

The network of microphones, called Sosus (sound surveillance system), was originally installed by the US Government at a cost of \$16 billion (£10 billion). Hundreds of microphones feed sound by

wire and fibre-optic cable into processing stations, most of them in America but two in Britain, at Braxdy in Wales and St Mawgan in Cornwall. Some stations are staffed, while others are filled with computers that record and analyse the data, feeding it on to a central station at Dam Neck, Virginia. Once the entire network was used to listen to the thrashing of Soviet submarines in an attempt to track their movements. How successful that was is still classified data, but slowly the American Government has begun to allow others access, using filters to remove the sounds of submarines.

Among those who have campaigned for the change in policy is the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in Washington, whose executive director, Amos Eno, says that

it might be used as an early-warning system to prevent ships from running down whales. This is a real problem: this year six right whales, the most endangered species, have been killed by ships. Research could never have paid for such a complex system, nor can it even hope to find the annual running costs,

which at their peak in the late 1980s amounted to \$300 million a year. But so long as the US Navy finds most of the cost, the oceanographers are happy to take advantage. To track a creature like a whale, more than one microphone is

needed, listening to the sounds the whales make. Different species can be distinguished by their different sounds, and individuals tracked for thousands of miles.

There are plenty of other sounds under the sea, not all of them identifiable. Among the mysteries are sounds that the scientists call the Echo, the Carpenter, and the Woof-Woof, by analogy with familiar sounds on land. Where they come from and what causes them, nobody knows.

Another use of the system will be to monitor the oceans for the sounds of nuclear explosions, as an aid to verifying a global test-ban treaty now being negotiated in Geneva. It works, as the microphones off California proved last year and early this year as they picked up the sounds of the French tests thousands of miles away across the Pacific.

The same microphones have tracked humpback whales, listening to them round the clock to check migratory patterns. "It's mind-boggling," says Dr Clark.

Weeds run rampant



WAKE UP, gardeners. Here's bad news from Wagga Wagga. Weeds are showing signs of resistance to the world's favourite herbicide.

Glyphosate, the active ingredient in weedkillers such as Roundup, if this spreads, there will be no cure for obstinate weeds but eternal digging, a prospect too awful to contemplate.

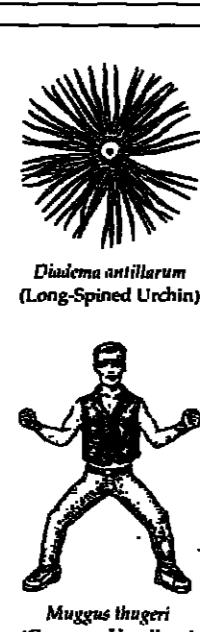
The resistant weed, reports the *New Scientist*, comes from a farm near Echuca, which lies on the Murray River in Victoria. The farmer last year tried to clear his fields of annual ryegrass, *Lolium rigidum*, but the weed refused to succumb. He sent seeds to Dr Jim Pratley at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga, who grew plants and confirms that they are resistant to the weedkiller.

Herbicide resistance is nothing new, but for 20 years that would be a nightmare.

glyphosate has remained invincible. "Resistance to glyphosate was unexpected," Dr Pratley says. "But at this stage nobody knows how significant it is. It may be an isolated case or it may be widespread."

Monsanto, which sells \$1.5 billion in Roundup a year, remains sanguine. It says it has seen false alarms in the past, and has usually found that the herbicide had failed to penetrate a hard surface on the leaves of apparently resistant plants. When a surfactant—a drop of washing-up liquid, for example—is added, the problem is usually solved, because that ensures that the surface is thoroughly wetted.

Dr Pratley disagrees. He says he is in no doubt that the herbicide is getting into the plant, but that it is then somehow being metabolised or stored, or simply made inoperative in some way. And if it happens in annual ryegrass, even in distant Australia, can it be long before it pulls off the same trick in convolvulus or ground elder in British gardens? That would be a nightmare.



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The Government has welcomed these proposals and the Department for Education and Employment (DfEE) has launched a consultation exercise on the development of the new provision.

A public Consultation Document seeks views on a range of issues related to the proposals. The closing date for comments is 30 September 1996.

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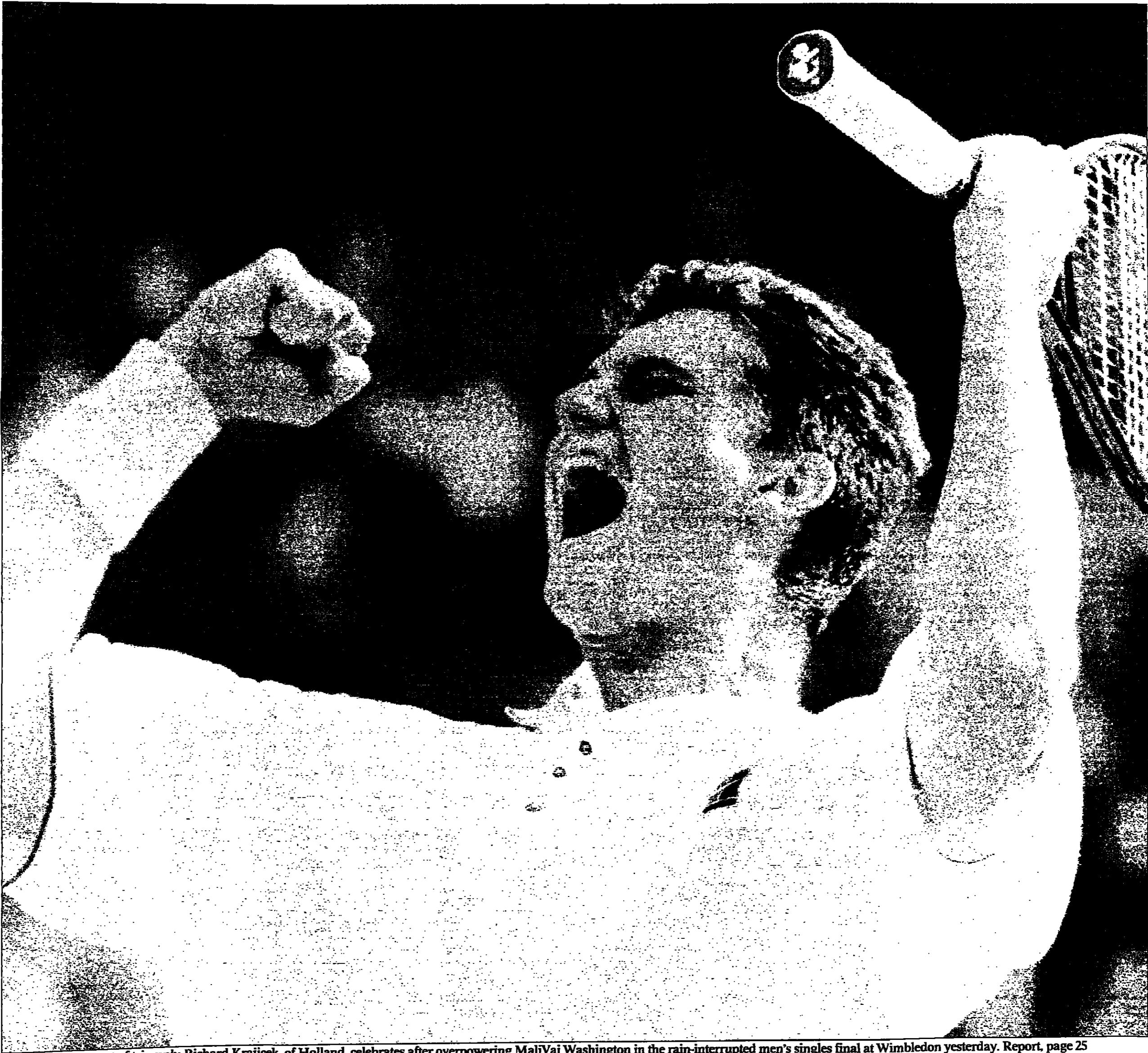
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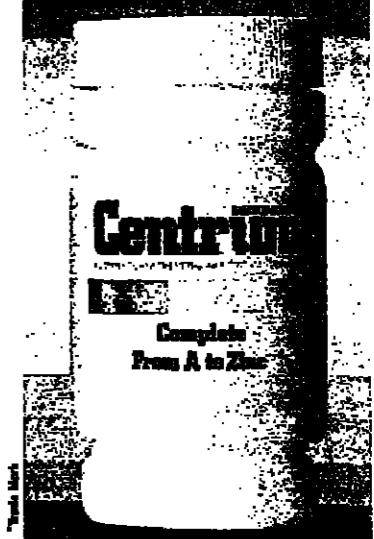
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POWER AND GLORY IN DUTCH MASTERY OF THE ELEMENTS AT WIMBLEDON



Moment of triumph: Richard Krajicek, of Holland, celebrates after overpowering MaliVai Washington in the rain-interrupted men's singles final at Wimbledon yesterday. Report, page 25

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On the men's singles final

SOME said that it was a Wimbledon's men's singles final between a Mr Who? and a Mr Might Be. On the day, Richard Krajicek, becoming the first Wimbledon champion from Holland, and MaliVai Washington gave the Centre Court more rallies and as many spectacular winners as had Pete Sampras and Boris Becker last year.

Not a great climax to the championships, certainly, but here was a match more memorable than most previous finals involving an unseeded player. This will be recorded as the first between two such players, yet Krajicek, who won 6-3, 6-4, 6-3, was in effect the No 17 seed, having replaced the injured Thomas Muster, the original No 7 seed, in the draw.

Krajicek, 24 and born in Rotterdam of Czech parents, had earlier disposed of Sampras and Stich, the respective No 1 and No 10 seeds. His service power had always been likely to be a major force in this foremost of grass-court tournaments, and so it proved. Krajicek said he was surprised to be unseeded but understood, even though ranked No 13 on the computer, because of his poor previous Wimbledon record.

Yesterday he struck 14 aces, the fastest timed at 129mph when taking a 3-1 lead in the third set. Krajicek thought that against Sampras he had perhaps served even better. "But today, I served big when it counted," he said. "I think that's the most important. You can hit 20 aces in a match and they were like bad aces and you can hit 10 aces and they were on the big points. Today



Washington at full stretch in making a forehand return as Krajicek takes control on Centre Court yesterday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

was a good day." His consistency had overpowered Sampras and Stich in straight sets, then Stoltenberg in the semi-final and now Washington. Only Steven, of New Zealand, had managed to take a set from the Dutchman in seven rounds.

Krajicek reflected that the draw had been helpful, not giving him tough matches in the first two rounds. "I've lost the last two sets in the first two rounds, so I was pretty

anxious about my first match," he said. "I don't feel like a great grass-court player, but I felt I should win at least a couple of rounds in Wimbledon. I think also my game just improved, that I now have more shots on grass."

It's not only the serve. I think my footwork also improved, so I'm moving better around the grass, because it's pretty slippery and I'm almost two metres [tall]."

Krajicek made a formidable

start yesterday, dropping only two points as he raced to a 3-0 lead and breaking Washington to 15 in the second game. In the fourth, Washington characteristically dug in, saving three break points with big serves to hold the game, but that single break was enough to concede the first set.

In the second, the score was 1-1 and 30 all when rain halted play for half an hour. Back they came for five minutes, only to retreat again after

another eight points. Back on court, Washington held his ground for four games, but at 4-4 surrendered his service on the third of three break points. Two aces and a sizzling cross-court backhand gave Krajicek the set.

At 1-4 down in the third, Washington silenced the mounting shrieks from Dutch supporters when he broke back after one hour and 23 minutes of play, but one more game saw the end of his

worthy resistance. The Dutchman simply held too many weapons. Some of his forehand drives and volleys were almost as devastating as his service.

"I think that was the difference in the match," Washington said. "and one of the reasons why Richard had so much success here. When you're serving like that, heck, all you have to do is hold out... and boom, mother, you're there."

Washington denied that the breaks in play had affected him. "It didn't put me off at all," he said. "I was down most of the match, and I was kind of looking at it as an opportunity. Maybe I could get a little momentum change."

Other than Boris Becker, when winning aged 17 against Kevin Curren, all other unseeded finalists lost in straight sets: Lewis v McEnroe (1983), Bungert v Newcombe (1967), Stolle v McKinley (1963), Mulsera, of Spain, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Misspent youth earns a final reward for private champion

Simon Barnes on how victory revealed the character of a surprise winner

You can keep your private parts private in most places, but not on the Centre Court. The day began with a streaker, comely and female, trotting across the sward and lifting her only garment, a white apron, to show all those who cared exactly what she was made of.

Richard Krajicek then proceeded to do roughly the same thing. In fact, as the events of the afternoon, the incessant and exasperating rain delays and the sheer bloody-minded courage of his opponent, MaliVai Washington, stripped away the layers of his personality, you suspected Krajicek was revealing parts of himself that were so private that he himself did not know he possessed them.

He is one of those athletes who began fairly sizzling with promise, but whose career somehow missed its trajectory. He is the son of an overbearing and bullying tennis parent — I know this sounds like a tautology, but this was a childhood strained even by tennis standards. He started playing at three, has been with the Dutch federations since he was six, and by nine he was having tennis tournaments instead of holidays.

It is the sort of childhood that has broken many, and Krajicek has not come through it unscathed. He has taken refuge more than once

in injury. For the stressed and oppressed athlete, there is sweet relief in an injury. It strained and torn soft tissue lies one of the few comfortable places to be found in his world: a place free from recrimination, free from guilt, free from blame.

Krajicek's best grand-slam result before his victory at Wimbledon yesterday was to reach the semi-finals of the Australian Open in 1992. He forfeited the match with a shoulder injury.

He is at present ranked 13, and grass is a surface that suits his huge-serving game. However, he was unseeded at Wimbledon this year because of a tendency to go out in the first round; he managed that two years running and was fearful that this would be a third.

This was clearly a man who sinks to the big occasion. In fact, the most notable thing Krajicek has done at Wimbledon was few years ago to announce that all women tennis players were "lazy fat pigs" and that they were not worth their prize-money. This callow bit of attention-seeking

seemed to sum Krajicek up for all time: a man to decorate the peripheries of the big tournament, but doomed to remain always a certain distance from the centre.

But as this strange Wimbledon has progressed, and the seeds failed to germinate and the stars were eclipsed, Krajicek has found himself to his amazement growing to fill the space available.

Washington came in as the underdog and the crowd's favourite. Always on grass, when a big server plays a touch-and-speed man, the server finds himself cast in the role of bully. Krajicek embraced the role and the moment.

And after the last rainbreak, he showed himself one of the great flat-track bullies of recent years. Reeling off 12 successive points, he broke Washington twice over and never looked like losing from there. It was the hottest of hot streaks and it was quite devastating: you wondered what he had consumed in the interval. Whatever it was, I'll have a large one.

Washington, as modest in

defeat as he had been brave in combat, praised the developments in his opponent's game.

"More consistent," he said. "He doesn't give you free points any more." Clearly, then, the progression Krajicek has made has been mental rather than technical. His game has become grown-up.

He follows that monster service with crisp and constant volleying. Was there even a whiff of Edberg in some of those airborne backhands? "If he continues to play like that, he could go to the top," Washington said.

Krajicek was in that mood of terrible emotional flatness that only great achievements can give you. Shocked into a kind of deadness, he spoke mainly of his relief at not getting knocked out in the first round again. But in one revealing aside, he spoke of the emotion of disbelief that hit him a split second after the delight of his match point. He was hit by the awful thought that maybe it was not match point after all, and he was rolling about in the grass for no reason. "For a split second I thought I was making a fool of myself."

But it was really victory, and it really was him. How extraordinary: to watch, between delays for rain, as a person stripped away layer upon layer of callowness, finally to stand revealed, as a person of substance.

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JASON STOLTEMBERG 55

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The fastest recorded men's service is

137mph, by Greg Rusedick.

Krajicek's fastest serve is 134mph.

Krajicek is 24, left-handed,

He is ranked 13th in the world

THE CHAMPION'S RECORD

1981 3rd round

1982 4th round

1984 1st round

1985 1st round

1986 Champion

1st round: b J Sanchez 6-4, 6-3, 6-4

2nd round: b D Restivo 6-1, 6-3, 6-3

3rd round: b J Steven 7-5, 7-5, 6-4

4th round: b J Stich 7-5, 7-5, 6-4

Quarter-final: b J Sampras 7-5, 6-2, 6-4

Semi-final: b J Stoltenberg 7-5, 6-2, 6-4

Final: b M Washington 6-3, 6-4, 6-3

Krajicek's fastest serve, of 131mph, came during his quarter-final against Pete Sampras. The average speed of his first service was 118mph. Krajicek's fastest second service was 113mph, recorded in the final yesterday, and the average speed of his second service was 99mph

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TENNIS: AUSTRALIANS MAKE WIMBLEDON HISTORY WITH THEIR FOURTH SUCCESSIVE TITLE AS WEATHER DISRUPTS SCHEDULE

STUART MACFARLANE

'Woodies' confirm place among finest double acts

By ALIX RAMSAY

THE pundits and the gurus have taken something of a hiding this year at Wimbledon. With seeds disappearing over the rain-drenched horizon at a rate of knots, nobody knew where to look next for the likely winners. The doubles, however, provided a little sanity and comfort. Two weeks ago, few would have bet against Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge retaining their crown and, on Saturday evening, they did just that, the first team to win four successive men's doubles titles.

It was one of their most impressive displays so far on Centre Court. They dropped the first set against Byron Black from Zimbabwe and Grant Connell from Canada, but then played near-perfect tennis to win 4-6, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2. It overshadowed the achievements of their Australian elders, Tony Roche and John Newcombe, who won five times at Wimbledon, but never managed to dominate the event four years running.

Not that their success came as a surprise to anyone, least of all the Woodies themselves. They have been planning for this since the start of the year, making their way to SW19 with their eyes firmly fixed on the record-books. After the disappointment of losing in the semi-finals of the French Open last month, this win meant that much more to them both.

"If ever you are part of a piece of history, I think that's very, very memorable," Woodforde said. "I think this is the best we have played in the four finals here. I think both of us have struggled mentally through the whole tournament and we've just really

hung in with each other. It's the first time anyone has done it since the turn of the century and it's little old us that's done it."

When it comes to Wimbledon and history, John McEnroe is never far away. In 1990, Woodforde was partnering McEnroe while Woodbridge played with Jason Stoltenberg. McEnroe, thinking of calling it a day, offered a few tips on who Woodforde might partner next. Woodbridge's name was mentioned in dispatches.

The rain has played havoc with the doubles schedules, leaving the referees to pack in matches whenever there has been a spare court, a few dry moments and four players available at the same time.

Late on Saturday evening, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario suffered her second defeat of the day as she and Jana Novotna, the defending champions, lost to Martina Hingis and Helena Sukova in the quarter-finals of the women's event.

Back on court bright and early yesterday, Hingis and Sukova were put to work by Liz Smylie and Linda Wild and were forced to go the distance against the Australian-American team, eventually booking their place in the final 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

The winners' cheques are generally viewed as compensation for two weeks' work only, but the mixed doubles teams might think about putting in for overtime as the finals of that competition will be held today, the third Monday — if the backlog of matches leading up to the final encounter can be cleared.

Whenever it is played, Martina Navratilova will have no part of it. Defending her title here and partnered by Jonathan Stark, she lost to Connell and Lindsay Davenport 7-6, 7-6. Navratilova had been hoping to claim her twentieth title at Wimbledon, matching Billie Jean King's record. Never mind, there is always next year.

"I think that was in our minds the whole way through,



"I was looking for someone a bit younger," Woodforde said, "and Todd was looking for someone a bit older with a bit more experience." His trainer started talking to Woodbridge's coach, a deal was struck, and the four men are now part of a record-breaking team.

The only thing that might have scuppered the Woodies' run was the rain. In 1992, they lost in the semi-finals after a wet and miserable championships. In the past three years, Wimbledon had been a rain-free zone and the Australians had basked in the sunshine, but this year they spent as much time in the locker-room watching the weather forecast as they did on court.

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Back on familiar territory. Woodbridge, left, and Woodforde accept the applause from the lofty heights of the royal box on Centre Court

Lee decides to mix it with the big boys at last

By ALIX RAMSAY

THE time has come, according to Martin Lee, to stop being a big fish in a small pond and risk becoming a minnow in an altogether larger body of water. Lee, who is the top-ranked junior in the world, was knocked out of the boys' singles at Wimbledon on Saturday, losing to Ivan Ljubicic from Croatia, 7-5, 6-4. The defeat was no disgrace. Ljubicic went on to beat the No 2 seed, Peter Wessels, from Holland, to make his way to the final.

That made up for defeat at the hands of Wessels in the ITF junior event at Roehampton last week, but asked to go one step further, Ljubicic fell at the final hurdle. He was beaten by the No 6 seed, Vladimir Voltchkov, from Belarus. He lost 3-6, 6-3 in a little over 1½ hours.

Lee, meanwhile, now has his mind on other things. His first taste of playing on the senior circuit came at Queen's Club three weeks ago, when he was beaten in the first round. Nevertheless, it gave him a taste of life in the grown-up's world and he discovered that he liked it. Lee's next target is the Bristol Challenger next week, where he has been given a wild card.

All things considered, it was not the greatest of weekends for Lee. Not only is he the top junior in singles, but he is also the best young doubles player in the world as well. Alongside James Trotman, he won the Wimbledon

junior doubles last year and was heading happily towards the All England Club to defend his title until Trotman was forced to withdraw with a wrist injury.

In a scratch pairing, he teamed up with David Sherwood, from Sheffield, and they fought through to the semi-finals before losing 7-6, 7-6 to the No 2 seeds, Damien Roberts and Wesley Whitehouse, from South Africa. But there is time yet for Sherwood, who only turned 16 at the start of the month, and when it comes to professional sport, there is not much he does not already know.

Sherwood comes from a family of sportsmen. His father, John, won the bronze medal in the 400 metres hurdles in the 1968 Olympics, while his mother, Sheila, won the silver medal in the long jump at the same Olympics.

Young David has also been around the sports himself, signing schoolboy forms with Sheffield Wednesday before deciding to trade in his football boots for a tennis racket and moving to Bisham Abbey to be coached by Ian Barclay.

The rest of the British hopefuls also failed to get beyond the semi-finals, with Ben Harman, from Alton in Hampshire, and Simon Pender, from Penzance, losing to the top seeds, Daniela Bracciali, from Italy, and Jocelyn Robichaud, from Canada, 6-4, 6-3.



Navratilova raises a smile as she walks off No 1 Court after her dream of a twentieth Wimbledon title had been dashed yesterday

RESULTS FROM THE ALL ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's singles

Winner: £392,500
Runner-up: £196,250
Holder: P Sampras (US)

Semi-finals
M Washington (US) bt T MARTIN (US) 5-7, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, 10-8

R KRAJCEK (Cze) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus) 7-5, 6-2, 6-1

Final
KRAJCEK bt Washington 6-3, 6-4, 6-3

Women's singles

Winner: £363,000
Runner-up: £176,500

Holder: S Graf (Ger)

Final
S GRAF (Ger) bt A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) 6-3, 7-5

Men's doubles

Winner: £160,810
Runners-up: £80,400

Holder: T A Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus)

Semi-final

T A WOODBRIDGE and M WOODFORDE (Aus) bt B BLACK (Zim) and G CONNELL (Can) 4-6, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2

Final
WOODBRIDGE and WOODFORDE bt B BLACK (Zim) and G CONNELL (Can) 4-6, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2

Women's doubles

Winner: £139,040
Runners-up: £69,300

Holder: J Novotna (Cze) and A Sanchez Vicario (Sp)

Quarter-finals

G FERNANDEZ (US) and N ZVEREVA (Rus) bt Y BASUKI (Indo) and C M VIS (Holl) 6-1, 6-4

M HINGIS (Switz) and H SUKOVÁ (Cze) bt J NOVOTNA (Cze) and A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) 3-6, 7-6, 6-3

Semi-finals

M J McGrath (US) and L NEILAND (Lat) bt FERNANDEZ and ZVEREVA 3-6, 3-6, 1-6, 6-4

HINGIS and SUKOVÁ bt P D SHRIER (Aus) and L M WILD (US) 6-4, 6-4

M C REESSEN and S E STEWART (US) bt I NASTASIE (Rom) and T S OLIVER (Hol) 6-3, 7-5

J G ANDERSON and P C DENT (Aus) bt R A J HEWITT and F D MCCLAREN (SA) 6-7, 6-4

ALEXANDER and DENT bt REESSEN and STEWART 7-6, 6-2

Mixed doubles

Winners: £68,280
Runners-up: £34,140

Holder: J Stark and M Navratilova (US)

Third round

C M REESSEN and H SUKOVÁ (Cze) bt D MacPherson and R McQuillan (Aus) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3

P GALBRAITH and P H SHRIER (US) bt J Eagle and A Ellwood (Aus) 6-2, 6-4

G CONNELL (Can) and L A DAVENPORT (US) bt M NEIL (US) 6-2, 6-0

M WOODFORDE (Aus) and L NEILAND (Lat) bt M J Bates (GB) and N Braditic (Aus) 6-4, 6-4

Quarter-finals

C J van Rensberg (SA) and L Golarski (In) bt R Berg (Swe) and N Po (US) 6-4, 6-4

G CONNELL and DAVENPORT bt J STARK and M NAVRATILOVA (US) 7-5, 7-6

Men's Over-45 doubles

Winners: £10,500
Runners-up: £5,250

Holder: J D Newcombe and A Roche (Aus)

Semi-finals

M C REESSEN and S E STEWART (US) bt I NASTASIE (Rom) and T S OLIVER (Hol) 6-3, 7-5

J G ANDERSON and P C DENT (Aus) bt R A J HEWITT and F D MCCLAREN (SA) 6-7, 6-4

Final
REESSEN and STEWART bt ANDERSON and DENT 7-6, 6-4

Men's Over-35 doubles

Winners: £9,400
Runners-up: £5,700

Holder: W M Turnbull (Aus) and S Wade (GB)

First round

C J van Rensberg (SA) and L Golarski (In) bt R Berg (Swe) and N Po (US) 6-4, 6-4

G CONNELL and DAVENPORT bt J STARK and M NAVRATILOVA (US) 7-5, 7-6

Men's Over-35 doubles

Winners: £13,250
Runners-up: £10,500

Holder: P McNamara (Aus) and L Shires (US)

First round

J B Fitzgerald (Aus) and T Wilkinson (US) bt P Fitzgerald and T Wilkinson (Indo) 6-4, 6-1

W J Fabik (Pol) and T Wilkinson (US) bt P Fitzgerald and T Wilkinson (Indo) 6-4, 6-4

A A Mayer and G Mayer (US) bt A M Jarrett and J R Smith (GB) 6-2, 6-2

K Clegg and C C Klier (US) bt J Dowdwell and C J Mousham (GB) 6-2, 6-7, 6-4

Semi-finals

P Stožni and T Smid (Cze) bt Fitzgerald and T Wilkinson (Indo) 6-3, 6-3

N Dechy (Fr) and S Reeves (US) 6-3, 7-5

Murečko (Cze) and Sema (Cze) 6-3, 6-4

Final
Murečko (Cze) and Sema (Cze) 6-3, 6-4

Girls' singles

Holder: A Ofcica (Por)

Quarter-finals

V VOLCHIK (Bel) bt N MASCU (Chile) 7-5, 2-6, 8-6

P WESSEL (Hol) bt P Srichaporn (Thail) 6-3, 6-4

I Lubæk (Nor) bt Lee (GB) 7-5, 6-4

J Crabbe (Aus) bt J R Brandt (Den) 7-6, 6-3

Semi-finals

A Murečko (Cze) bt A G Sidol (Fr) 6-4, 6-3

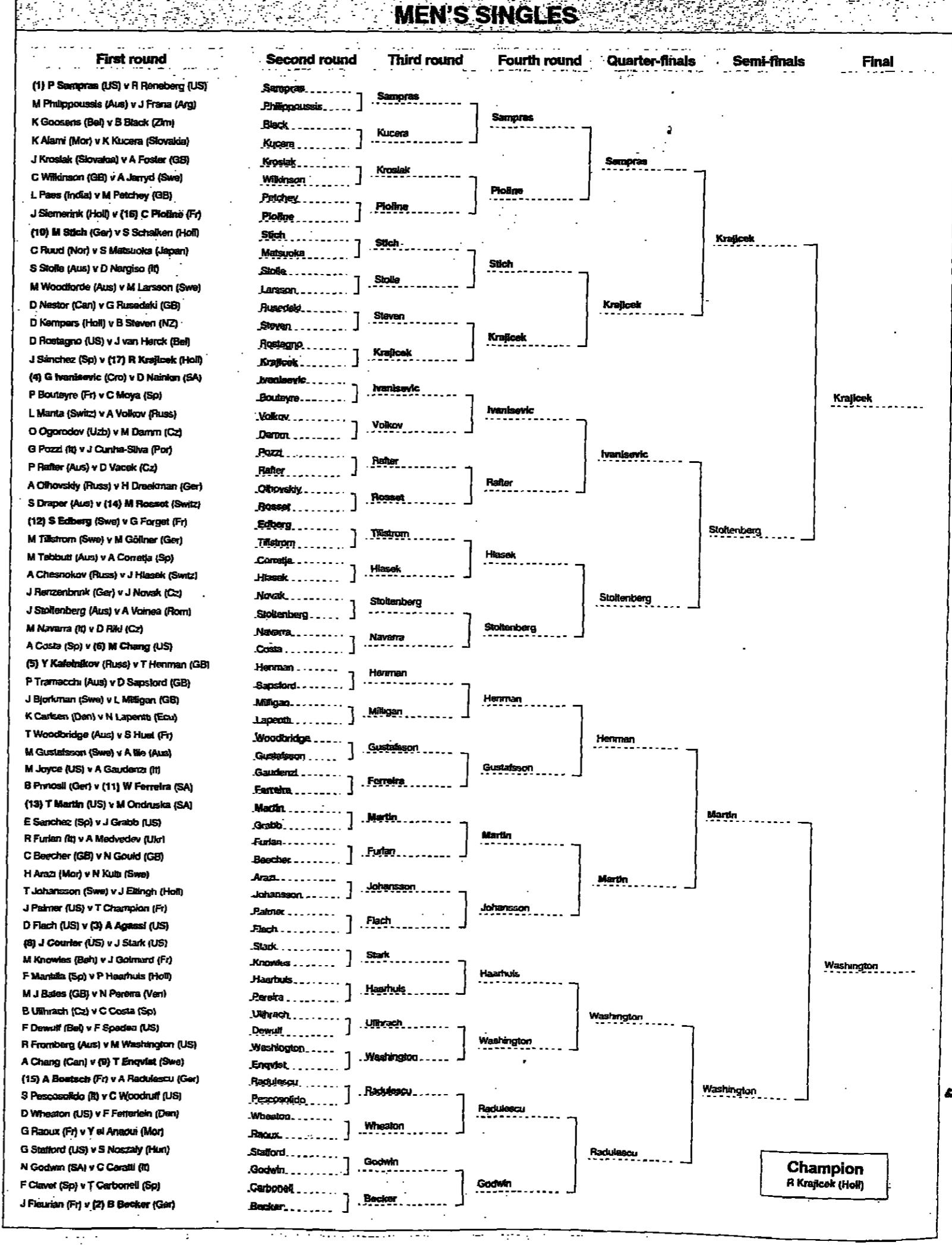
Sema (Cze) and Dechy (Fr) 6-4, 6-1

Final
Murečko (Cze) and Sema (Cze) 6-3, 6-4

Women's play-back

Fisher, J M Dunn (GB) and A E Smith (US) bt M Jeannet (Slovenia) and Y Vermaak (SA) 6-3, 6-2

Final
Fisher, J M Dunn (GB) and A E Smith (US) bt M Jeannet (Slovenia) and Y Vermaak (SA) 6-3, 6-2



CRICKET: BOLD BATTING, FICKLE FATES AND PLACID PITCH COMBINE TO FRUSTRATE SRINATH

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

TRENT BRIDGE (third day of five): England, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 199 runs behind India.**MICHAEL AERTHON** believes that all things remain possible over the coming two days in Nottingham and, on a strictly personal level, he is correct. Nothing need be beyond his ambitions against the record books this morning. On a pitch of numbing torpor, however, the one thing that does not seem possible is a positive outcome to this final Cornhill Test.

England lost only one wicket — and that to a bad umpiring decision — in an entire day of batting on Saturday. Only with their last run of the day, though, did they avoid the theoretical threat of following on and they remain the equivalent of two productive sessions behind India. It takes a supreme optimist to devise a winning scenario for either side from this stalemate, but Atherton, who was yesterday reappointed England captain for the coming series with Pakistan, is playing the part game.

"We can still win it," he said. "First, we must aim to bat for



Hussain: confident

another four sessions. The pitch is still playing well but it's a mind game and the mind can play some funny tricks on you when you are under pressure. If we can get them in for the last two sessions on Tuesday, anything can happen." It was hearteningly upbeat talk, as one might expect from a man enjoying his rest day unbeaten on 145. The practicalities are somewhat less promising.

The truth is that Trent Bridge has provided a pitch to strangle the life out of this game. It is as staked against the bowlers as was the Oval last August, when only 22 wickets fell in five days of a Test against West Indies, and the outcome is liable to be the same. Frank Dalling, who spent many years as assistant groundsman Ron Allsopp, feared beforehand that his first solo Test pitch would be a batting benefit and he has been proved right.

Eleven wickets have fallen in three days. Each, on average, has cost 77 runs and that ratio could rise by this evening. It is a moot point whether this one-dimensional cricket is any better than the opposite extreme achieved in the first Test at Edgbaston; either way, the spectator is not seeing a satisfactory contest.

The cricket on Saturday was not without interest. Indeed, given the towering quality of Javagal Srinath in two spells,

at the start of play and immediately after lunch, the England batters and the fielders must both take a bow. Flat and lifeless surface this may be, but Srinath somehow made the ball talk on it and his analysis of one for 82 was dreadfully unjust.

Alec Stewart remains below his best but he had completed a second successive half-century when K. T. Francis upheld an appeal for a catch behind. The ball actually missed the bat by some distance on its route past the inside edge, but Stewart at least departed with the consolation that he had shared an opening stand of 130, only the third time in 32 attempts that he and Atherton have given the England innings a century start.

That it happened now is something that Srinath will find incomprehensible, so great was the fortune that both batsmen required during his opening spell. Atherton, too far across, somehow survived a leg-before appeal when all three stump seemed threatened and was then dropped for a second time at third slip, this one by Azharuddin.

Srinath's deceptively quick bouncer brought flawed, post-humous strokes from both openers and, when he returned after lunch with England in full sail, he bowled an over of such controlled variation, all of it too good for the batsmen, all of it unrewarded, that his grin at the end of it said much for the character of the man.

The recipient of that over was Nasser Hussain, Atherton's partner in a second-wicket stand so far worth 192. That both have made hundred is wonderful news for England, because Atherton needed a long innings to repair his rhythm and the team needed Hussain to underscore the fact that he has solved, for some time to come, the discomfort over who must bat at No 3. Hussain likes doing the job and he does it well; judging by the brimming confidence with which he began on Saturday, driving like a man who had been entrenched for hours, he will not easily be usurped.

Atherton and Hussain go back a long way. They played together for England under-15s and, in 1984, on opposite sides in a match between Southern Schools and The Rest, they got each other. Bowling aspirations have subsequently perished but the joy of two old friends was evident to all as they celebrated their centuries — Atherton with a broad grin as he has ever exhibited in public. Hussain with both arms thrust above his head. On the team balcony, Raymond Illingworth smiled paternalistically.

A fortnight ago, during the Lord's Test, Atherton had been subservient to another superb spell from Srinath and confided: "I couldn't see how I could get a run against him." There will be mutual respect now, for while Atherton struggled at first on Saturday, long before the close he was into the old rhythm. "I started to reacquaint myself with my technique," he said with a smile. "It had been missing for a while."

□ Compiled by Bill Frindall

SCORING

INDIA: First Innings 521 R S Tendulkar 177, S C Ganguly 135, R David 84, S V Manjrekar 53

ENGLAND: First Innings

*MA Atherton not out 145 (410m, 320 balls, 17 fours)

A J Stewart c Mongia b Srinath 50 (170m, 115 balls, 6 fours)

N Hussain c Ganguly b Srinath 107 (228m, 180 balls, 12 fours)

Extras (5 3, 1b 9, nb 8) 20

Total (1 wkt, 102 overs, 410mtr) 207

S P Thomas, G A Hick, M A Atherton, T H C Morris, C S Morris, D Cork, M M Patel and A D Mistry to bat

FALL OF WICKET: 1-130 (Atherton 70, Tendulkar 27-7-82-1 (b 5, 10 fours; 13-3-50, 8-21-1, 3-10-4, 3-6-0); Press 24-6-78-0 (nb 3, 9 fours; 4-1-16-0, 6-2-15-0, 4-1-18-0, 3-1-24-0, 7-1-19-0); Kumble 18-6-62-0 (nb 2, 10-1-22-0, 1-1-10-0); Ganguly 6-9-4-0 (nb 2; 3 fours; 1-0-6-0, 5-0-18-0); Tendulkar 5-0-19-0 (8 fours, one spell); Umpires: K. T. Francis (Sri Lanka) and G. Sharp. Third umpire: D. J. Constant. Match referee: C. W. Smith (West Indies).

SERIES DETAILS: First Test (Edgbaston): England won by eight wickets. Second Test (Lord's): Match drawn.

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CRICKET: TEENAGERS SUBDUE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ATTACK WITH UNLIKELY RECORD PARTNERSHIP

Kabir offers glimpse of golden future for Pakistan

By JACK BAILEY

NORTHAMPTON (second day of three; Northamptonshire won toss; Northamptonshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 100 runs behind the Pakistanis)

SHADAB KABIR may not figure largely for Pakistan in the forthcoming Test matches with England — at 19, he was picked for this tour chiefly to gain experience — yet, yesterday, he played an innings to relish, rich in promise, if not quite in fullness, as one of the best of spin bowlers around. On this evidence, while not in the same class as Kabir, he is also a batsman of considerable talent, confident and uninhibited.

The Northamptonshire attack, it is true, lacked the razor's edge — Ambrose, Taylor, Curran, Penberthy and Emburey were all resting before the Benson and Hedges Cup final next Saturday — but, with Capel working up a fair head of steam and Scott Boswell anxious to prove himself, the Pakistanis, resuming at 79 for one, lost Shahid Anwar to Boswell in the day's first over and, after 80 minutes, were reduced to 140 for seven. Shahid was taken by Capel at slip and Boswell soon had Jaz Ahmed palpably in front. All arms, legs and eagerness, Boswell generated a lively pace, without quite making the most of his 6ft 4in frame. He will, however, remember his first two wickets for Northamptonshire, which started the Pakistanis' slide.

The left-handed Kabir sprang first to prominence in English eyes when he took 74 off England in Karachi during a warm-up match before the recent World Cup. Described by the little master,

following year. Unfortunately, their first match in Leeds was spoilt by the rain and their second is being staged on an unhelpfully slow pitch, the slowest at Chesterfield for many a year.

It is making for an unbalanced contest between bat and ball, one kept alive only by two pragmatic first-innings declarations.

The visitors were taught some lessons, though, as Derbyshire spent much of the day scoring 316 for five before declaring six runs in arrears. This innings contained four half-centuries, so there were few easy pickings for the bowlers. Each man had to be chiselled out and it made for hard going.

If Schultz, the man who began

the winter Test series against England with such high hope and hype, came here thinking he could bounce out a few batsmen, he is discovering otherwise. But he still bowled far too short yesterday.

He was dealt with summarily by Chris Adams, whose 66 was the best innings of the day. Schultz tried to give him something to remember him by the moment he came to the crease but the ball — it was, in any case, a no-ball — was fetched from outside off stump and up against the boards on the mid-wicket boundary in a trice.

Adams also seized the initiative against the left-arm spin of Boje, whose first ball turned and beat his bat. He took 19 runs off one of

his overs and should have maintained his attack for longer, but holed out tamely to mid-on. Even so, when he had scored 35, Adams became the fourth batsman this season to reach 1,000 runs and deserves an A tour of his own with England to Australia in October.

Of the other Derbyshire half-centuries, O'Gorman's was the most workmanlike. Well's the most entertaining and May's the most commendable, being the first of his short career.

The South Africans' response to all this resistance was to allow their over-rate to drop to the wholly unacceptable level of 12.1 per hour. In this way alone did they resemble a Test match team.

Assuming this does not become a habit, though, they have much to offer. Kallis batted beautifully on the first day for his 92 and Goolam Rajah, their manager, has no difficulty identifying the successors to the present generation.

MacMillan's mantle of all-rounder could go to Klusener-Rhodes, as batsman-cum-fielding-livewire, may be succeeded by Gibbs; and Richardson can hand over the gauntlets, when the time comes, to his second over.

By the time he lost his off stump to Watkinson, aiming in the general direction of Sale, Moody had struck six sixes and seven fours in scoring his sixth century in all competitions this season. With Curtis joining him in an opening stand of 136 and Weston and Spiring clipping along at almost seven an over, Lancashire had to run out off the penultimate ball.

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Otherwise, the outlook for Lancashire looked bleak until an amazing last-wicket stand of 82 in nine overs, a Lancashire record on a Sunday, between Chapelle and Martin took them within five runs of their target before Chapelle was run out off the penultimate ball.

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Twice this season, they had failed to reach daunting targets by only one run. This time they did not look like getting close once Moody had removed Watkinson and Gallian in his opening spell. He also caught Lloyd at short mid-wicket and two more wickets in his final over, giving him his best Sunday figures, seemed to settle the game until the last-wicket heroics.

Liebenberg and Koenig also showed, in putting together a stand of 128 in 31 overs, that there is no shortage of batting talent.



Kabir strikes a six off Snape to provide evidence of his huge potential as the Pakistanis take control at Northampton

Adams gives Schultz swift response

By SIMON WILDE

CHESTERFIELD (second day of three; South Africa A won toss; South Africa A, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 134 runs ahead of Derbyshire)

THE biggest obstacle to South Africa becoming the world's leading Test match nation by the end of the century, as Ali Bacher tells them they can be, is their players' lack of practical experience. Talent, such as that possessed by Jacques Kallis and Paul Adams, is all very well, but sporting isolation has left players, coaches and administrators alike with a lot of catching up to do.

Fifteen promising South Africans arrived in England last week to do just that. Playing under the tutelage of John Commins, the captain, is less than 24, eight of them have already played at international level, so they are here not so much to lay claim to places in the full South Africa side as to sample English conditions. It has not escaped Bacher's notice that South Africa are due to tour England in 1998, or that the next World Cup is to be held here the next

This was reduced to exactly 100 by Alan Fordham and Richard Mongomerie as the shadows lengthened. Nevertheless, the day belonged to the sure and wristy batting of Kabir. Of him, the personable Pakistan manager, Yawar Saeed, while not willing to be drawn on the immediate future, said: "I was delighted not only with his runs, but the way he made them. He is a young batsman who will feature with Pakistan for a long time to come." Those here yesterday will find it hard not to agree with him.

Kabir beat Durban by six wickets at the Mote. The champions made certain of victory through Hooper and Cowdry putting on 130 in 19 overs for the third wicket. The West Indian took 21 for 21 and then struck an unbeaten 76 off 86 balls.

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RACING: SANDOWN SECOND MAKES JOHNSTON-TRAINED COLT TOP THREE-YEAR-OLD IN EUROPE

By RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

Bijou D'Inde is likely to re-
oppose Halling in the Judd-
monte International Stakes at
York after earning top billing
among the classic generation
and a stallion valuation in
excess of £2 million in a
thrilling Coral-Eclipse Stakes
at Sandown Park.

Nigel Gray, the British
Horseracing Board handi-
capper responsible for the middle-
distance category, yesterday
raised the Stuart Morrison-
owned and Mark Johnston-
trained colt by 4lb to a rating
of 127 after he had failed by a
neck to prevent Halling's be-
coming only the fifth horse to
win the group one race in
successive years.

The official assessment set
against the mark of 123

RICHARD EVANS
Nap: ARABIAN STORY
(7.35 Windsor)
Next best: Questonia
(9.05 Windsor)

allocated to Shaamit, the Den-
by winner, and the 125 given
to Zagreb for his runaway
success in the Irish Derby.
makes Bijou D'Inde the top
rated three-year-old in Europe.

While Johnston was the
first to acknowledge Halling's
ability, which enabled the
Godolphin-owned five-year-
old to quicken a second time
when Bijou D'Inde made a
threatening challenge a fur-
long out, he said the outcome
would have been even closer
with different riding tactics.
"Jason [Weaver] should have
come up the stands side-on to
the better ground. It is always
difficult to beat a horse that is
hanging into you. Anyone who
says we were lucky in the St
James's Palace Stakes would
have to say we were unlucky
in the Eclipse, although I am

not complaining about either
race."

After the doubts about the
ability of the Royal Ascot
winner to handle the easier
ground and extra quarter-
mile, Bijou D'Inde confounded
the sceptics and in so doing
opened up a world of options.
"Before the Eclipse we had
said there was nothing for him
until the Queen Elizabeth II
Stakes at Ascot in September,
but the Juddmonte Interna-
tional Stakes at York, where
the track and the ground
would suit us better, is now a
distinct possibility. It is quite

likely we will re-
propose Halling."

The Breeders' Cup Mile, the
original end-of-season target,
may be reviewed as his proven
stamina could open up other
races at Woodbine, the Cana-
dian venue. "We have a little
bit of a dream about winter-
ing in Dubai and going for the
Dubai World Cup. If we go to
the Breeders' Cup, Bijou D'Inde
would then fly on to Dubai rather than coming home."

Morrison, the Glasgow sol-
icitor who bought Bijou
D'Inde for just 20,000 guineas
last year, now finds
himself in a most enviable
position as would-be purchasers
assess his value as a stallion.

Representatives of a British
and an Irish stud had informa-
tion negotiations with John-
ston last week about a possible
purchase and, before Saturday,
Morrison was thinking in
terms of agreeing to a sale
within the next week or two.
Not surprisingly, the outcome
of the Eclipse has prompted a
change of heart. "After yesterday
I think I will be keeping
him until at least the end of the

season, although ultimately it
is inevitable he goes. I can't
keep a horse of that quality."

Morrison told Morrison before
the 2,000 Guineas that his
Cadeaux Generaux colt was
better bred than Mister Baileys,
who won the Newmarket
classic for the Middleham
trainer in 1994 and was subse-
quently sold for £1.3 million.
Informal discussions had tak-
en place last week with blood-
stock agents about his possible
value but "everything has
changed dramatically now".

He added: "We are not

trying to negotiate a sale. We
don't put for sale signs outside
stable doors but personally I
would say his value is now
considerably more than £1.5
million. I don't think we would
sell him for less than £2
million."

Halling, unbeaten on turf
since August 1994, will now be
aimed at the top ten-furlong
races in Europe, starting at
York and continuing with the
Irish Champion Stakes and
the Dubai Champion Stakes,
before possibly having a crack
at the Breeders' Cup Turf over
1½ miles.

Halling runs on strongly to hold the determined challenge of Bijou D'Inde in the Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park on Saturday

GOING: GOOD DRAW: SF, HIGH NUMBERS BEST
TOE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

WINDSOR

THUNDERER
6.40 Premier League, 7.10 Victory Dancer, 7.35
Arabian Story, 8.05 Gentle Irony, 8.35 See Darzic,
9.05 Questonia

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 9.05 QUESTONIA (rap).

GOING: GOOD DRAW: SF, HIGH NUMBERS BEST
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6.40 BARRY AND SHEILA NOAKES HANDICAP
(S3.274; 1m 5f 57yd) (23 runners)

101 0220 TYPHON EIGHT 57 (G) 6.40-10-0 ... D Holland 4

102 0221 JUST HARRY 53 (G) 6.40-9-9 ... D McCarthy 7 (15)

103 0205 ARCANO-PARD 37 (D) 6.40-9-9 ... T O'Brien 3

104 0218 WINSCOME 51 (G) 6.40-9-9 ... P Murphy 3

105 0200 PERSON AFFAIR 17 (D/F/G) M O'Brien 5-4-7 ... S Drane 3 (17)

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ROWING: IMPERIAL COACH ON OLYMPIC DUTY MISSES COLLEGE'S TWIN TRIUMPH ON FINAL DAY AT HENLEY

Crew heeds Mason's Grand instruction

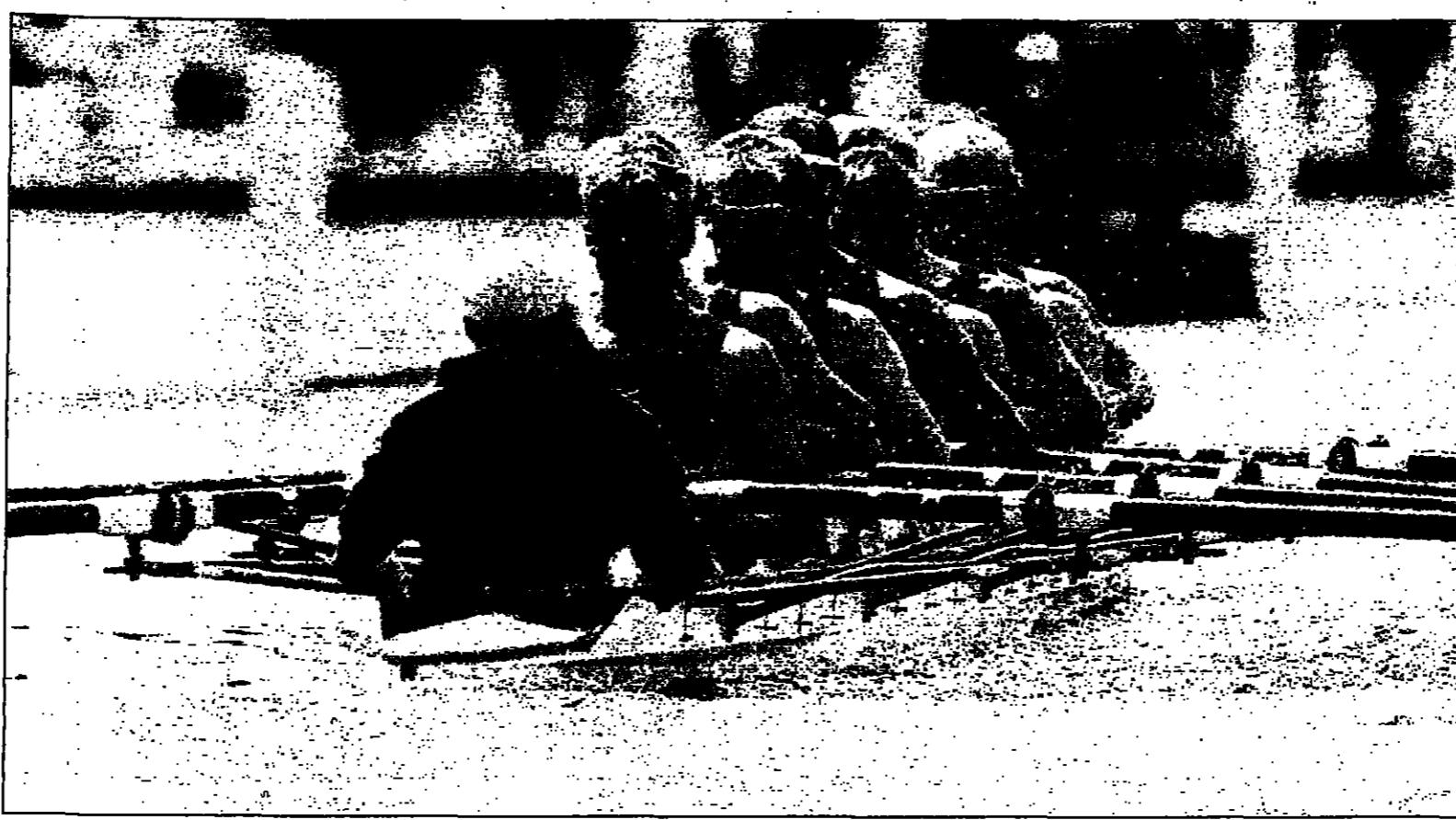
By MIKE ROSEWELL
ROWING CORRESPONDENT

BILL MASON, who is training the British women's Olympic eight in Canada but is due to return to his coaching job at Imperial College in September, sent a message to the Imperial crew at Henley: "Win the Grand, I did."

The Imperial/Queen's Tower crew did just that yesterday with a two-length victory over the Dutch national lightweight in the fastest time of the regatta. This was the first Grand eights success for Imperial and the news will presumably get to Mason, with the icing that another Queen's Tower crew also won the Wyfold fours after rowing through a tough Molesey crew in the second half. Yale, from the United States, in the hundredth anniversary of their first Henley entry, deprived Imperial of a hat-trick in the final of the Temple Cup eights.

Those who expected a tight Ladies' Challenge Plate final between Leander and Goldie were thwarted by the Cambridge crew, who produced a scintillating row to win by 3½ lengths. Miles Barnett, the Goldie stroke and one of five Boat Race winners in the line-up, introduced an unscheduled early spring just 90 seconds into the battle. Pushing the rate to 40½, his crew led by a length at the barrier and Leander were history.

Four of the Goldie crew also raced in the Stewards' Challenge Cup final but were beaten by four Nottingham County/London lightweight internationals. One of them, Bill Baker, was a last-minute replacement for Andy Butt, whose wife went into labour on Friday. Baker got a Henley winners medal; Butt has a fib 4oz son.



Goldie on their way to victory over Leander in the final of the Ladies' Plate at Henley yesterday. Photograph: Julian Herbert

Overseas crews swept the board in the doubles, pairs and singles. The Double Sculls Challenge Cup was won by Greg Walker and Greg Lewis, from the United States, some consolation in a year when they just missed Olympic selection. Hermann Bauer, of Austria, with his new partner, Andreas Nader, regained his grasp on the Silver Goblets and Nickells' Cup after a gap of five years, during which time Steve Redgrave and Matthew

Pinsent have reigned supreme. The Australians, who were pushed hard by Jon Singfield and Adrian Cassidy on Saturday, won comfortably yesterday against the Swiss Olympic spare men.

Maria Brandin, Sweden's world champion, duly defender her Women's Sculls title, her only hiccup in the process being the need to find a stronger boat after her first race. Merlin Vervoorn, from Holland, displayed maturity in sculling past Andy

Bilher, of Switzerland, in the second half of the Diamond Sculls final. The young Dutchman has decided to race in the Under-23 Nations Cup rather than go to Atlanta as spare man "I have chosen to row, not to watch," he said.

Oxford Brookes won the Britannia Cup for coxed fours, their third Henley trophy in four years, beating London University narrowly. For the two London bow men, Dominic Hill and Jamie Cornell, it was a sad rerun of 1995.

Oxford's other university just missed out in the Visitors Cup for fours. The crew, with the new president, Ed Bellamy, at bow, led the polished Argo crew from Holland, before succumbing in the last 20 strokes. Neptune, the Irish champions, took the Thames Cup, in spite of a strong late challenge from Wallingford.

The standard of the school boy-winners at Henley was exceptional this year, in the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup eights and the Fawley

Challenge Cup quads. After ending Canford's giant-killing run on Saturday, Brentwood College School, Canada, opened up in the Princess Elizabeth final yesterday to overwhelm St Edward's, recording a time only three seconds outside the record.

Britain's top junior scullers were scattered among the two final Fawley Cup events. The winners were the favourites from Windsor Boys' and Poplar, who recovered despite being led at halfway.

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"We have to be very careful

not to get carried away with that performance when the Australians didn't play anywhere near their potential," Hart said. Four tries into the wind (the first in only the second minute) and stout defending during the second half phase, when Australia created their only genuine scoring opportunities, were cause for deep satisfaction. Nor were the All Blacks dependent upon set-pieces: the key to their domination lay in the loose, where the Australian back row was obliterated.

Josh Kronfeld and Michael Jones, both open-side flankers by nature, worked in tandem so well that Zinzan Brooke could play the roving role he loves. At no stage did the Australian runners cross the advantage line, more often than not they were devoured in the tackle and stripped of

Australia have brought in Pat Howard and George Gregan to replace Scott Bowen and Sam Payne at half-back against South Africa at Sydney Saturday.

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possession, leaving the New Zealand half backs, Mehrbris and Justin Marshall, to dictate the pattern of the game.

For the first time in 77 appearances, Sean Fitzpatrick did not complete an international, but the All Blacks captain, who chipped the bone in his elbow, expects to be fit to meet South Africa in Christchurch on July 20.

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Australians fall apart beneath All Black storm

RUGBY UNION

New Zealand 43
Australia 6By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

NEVER let it be said that poor weather in the northern hemisphere is an excuse for poor play: the Australians proved that they could overcome British conditions in 1984 and, in windy Wellington on Saturday, New Zealand produced a phenomenal display of weather rugby.

The All Blacks have laid down a marker for the first match in the inaugural tri-nation tournament — the next is between Australia and South Africa in Sydney on Saturday — which their partners will do well to match. They did so at Athletic Park, one of the poorest international grounds in the world, into the teeth of a south-easterly gale and heavy rain.

The secret, John Hart, their coach, said, was in attitude. That is a message which Ian McGeechan, among others, has been trying to drill into his charges at Northampton, but all too often English teams pay only lip service to the concept. Now they are professional, they will have to embrace it as Sir Tasker Watkins, president of the Welsh Rugby Union, tartly pointed out to his union's annual meeting: "No sensible person pays, or goes on paying, for failure."

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"We have to be very careful

Pugh pours scorn on Union over TV stance

By DAVID HANDS

THE

charm offensive being conducted by the Rugby Football Union (RFU) will continue this week as the potentially stormy annual meeting looms on Friday, but it received scathing condemnation from Wales on Saturday. What the RFU perceives as commercial logic was given short shrift by Vernon Pugh, the chairman of the Welsh Rugby Union, at its own annual meeting in Port Talbot.

All of England's clubs have been circulated with the justification for the RFU's independent stance over television negotiations, which has caused a deep rift with the other home unions.

Scotland and Ireland have already confirmed their opposition to England's move, which threatens their place in the five nations' championship. Wales now raised queries over the nature of the £87.5 million agreement which the RFU has reached with BSkyB, the satellite tele-

vision company part-owned by News International, owners of *The Times*.

"The impression created is that pay-per-view has no place in the contract," Pugh said. "We believe, on good grounds, that the position is different from that. I think the rugby public in England should know what the details of the contract are."

The RFU says there is no pay-per-view planned for the duration of the proposed five-year contract.

Pugh poured scorn on the RFU's claim that its actions are in the interests of all. "What is good for Wales will be decided in Wales," he said.

"What is offered us is, in relative terms, patronising and unfair. If we accept, we will be consigned to the role of poor neighbours in world rugby. We say that if England follow the narrow path defined for them by a few, they will have no championship in which to play."

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CYCLING: FIVE-TIMES TOUR DE FRANCE WINNER NOW HAS MOUNTAIN TO CLIMB

Induráin joins ranks of mere mortals

SIX days before Bastille Day, an unmistakable air of liberation hangs over the Tour de France. Yesterday, a time-trial up the mountains to Val d'Isère merely confirmed the revolution begun on the climb over the Col de Madeleine and up to Les Arcs the day before. Though the decline of their own champion, Laurent Jalabert, dampened French celebrations, Paris will no longer have to host a sixth procession led by Miguel Induráin.

Induráin will start the ninth stage today to Sestrière, another brute 4min 53sec behind the overall leader, Evgeni Berzin, in eleventh place, his hopes of a record-breaking sixth Tour win shattered by rivals who finally exposed a weakness in the Tour's greatest champion.

The deficit is not insuperable, but, if the stage into Pamplona on July 17 is not to turn from a triumphant cavalcade into a funeral cortège, the Spaniard will need to respond swiftly to the challenge of old soldiers like Tony Rominger and Bjarne Riis and the young guns, Berzin, winner of the time-trial, and Peter Luttenberger. But attack has never been Big Mig's favoured form of defence.

Induráin did not suffer alone. The ambitions of the Once pair of Jalabert and Alex Zülle were blunted, the worst fears of Chris Boardman realised. Boardman recovered from terrible battering on his Tour debut in the Alps with a highly creditable eighth in the time-trial but he is still half an hour adrift of the yellow jersey, his aims now limited to reaching Paris and winning one of the rolling stages between the Alps and the Pyrenees later this week.

To complete his anguish, Boardman returned to his room after the stage on Saturday to find that a watch worth £1,500, his wallet and wedding ring had been stolen from his suitcase. Ever the analyst, Boardman soothed his disappointment with science. His pulse was 152 flat out, he explained, 30 beats per minute below its normal maximum.

"I can see the potential for going better," he said, "but it's still a huge disappointment. I felt good at the start, then I just

ANDREW LONGMORE



On the Tour de France

ascent widely thought to be ideal for the big-gear rhythm of Big Mig, provided more than the glimpse of an answer.

As a helicopter shot captured the familiar figure trailing up the final two miles to the mountain-top finish and close-up shots revealed lines on his tanned face drawn with a clarity unseen before, mouth panting for breath in the mountain air, the voice of the commentator rose to a shriek.

"Induráin en difficulté, ooh la, la, la, la." The surprise could not conceal his delight at the suffering of a champion. Watching the drama unfold from the television monitors, the press gasped as one. Induráin in difficulty? It could not be.

The suggestion from the Banesto camp was that their champion, who earned a 22-second penalty for taking a drink from his team car within the last 20 miles, was dehydrated. However much that lapse smacked of desperation, there were still good judges prepared to believe that Induráin, as he has so often before, was simply letting his rivals burn themselves out. Not once did the Spaniard climb out of the saddle to thrash the pedals.

"I know Miguel," Pedro Delgado, Induráin's mentor, said. "He will be strong again." Maybe. But Induráin's psychological hold on the Tour has been broken for good. No longer is the rest racing for second place.

Sensing that Induráin's Banesto henchmen could be divided and their leader isolated, the other teams launched a series of damaging attacks through the 124-mile stage.

Riis, then Udo Bolts, Dufaux,

Virensen and, decisively, the

stage-winner, Luc Leblanc,

each chipped away at Induráin's spirit until nothing was left and, when he flagged, Olano, Rominger and Berzin showed no mercy. By the

finish, Induráin had lost 4min 19sec.

In his five victories, Induráin has never had to back such a deficit nor overcome such a confident opposition. Boardman might reflect he was not the only one who left Les Arcs without his rightful possessions.

blew. We'll just have to see what we can salvage."

Stephane Heulot, his Gan team-mate, was also forced to abandon the race while wearing the yellow jersey because of tendinitis in his knee. "This has changed everything," Roger Legeay, the team manager of Gan, said.

If Induráin's reign is ended, the stage to Les Arcs on Saturday will be enshrined in Tour folklore. "A day of madness, magic and tragedy," read one headline in yesterday's French newspapers. But the battered remains of Johan Bruyneel's bicycle lying at the bottom of a ravine showed how much worse it could have been.

The Belgian's fall in heavy rain on the descent from the Cormet de Rosmelend was cushioned by a tree. "I fell like I was flying," the Belgian said later. "But I know I am lucky to be alive."

Since Greg LeMond cracked in the Pyrenees five years ago, Induráin has exerted an iron grip on the Tour, driving the French to distraction with his stifling invincibility and his unemotional response to each successive triumph. Whatever happened, Big Mig would be there, face stonelike, legs like pistons, trampling on the soul of their precious *Grand Boucle*. Every year the cry became more desperate. When will Induráin give us our Tour back?

The rise to the plush ski resort of Les Arcs, a sweeping



Essex schools take honours in athletics cup

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

SPORT
IN SCHOOLS

I success in track and field is your aim, it probably pays to be educated in Essex. That much-maligned county may be better known for bad perms, boob tubes and boy-racer motorists but, on Saturday, Essex boys and girls dominated the TSB English Schools track and field cup final in Gateshead.

So it was that the spiritual home of British athletics — well, at least the backyard of Brendan Foster, Steve Cram, Jonathan Edwards et al — was forced to applaud a near-Essex monopoly. It almost seemed on a par with West Ham United crossing the River Tyne and beating Newcastle United 3-1 at St James' Park.

Talking of football, there were plenty of Newcastle and Sunderland replica shirts on view as spectators cheered on the 48 teams vying for top honours. Those 48 had been invited only after a pruning process had whittled down an original entry of 215 teams from 750 schools.

Fitzwilliam School, Essex, took four teams up the M11 and A1 and were rewarded with victory in the intermediate (under-16) girls category, where they saw off strong challenges from St Hilda's, Liverpool, St Albans Girls School and Coombe School, Upminster.

Essex pride in the junior (under-14) girls' sphere was sustained by Southend GS, who beat locals from Newcastle Central High in to second place.

Central High's brother school, Newcastle Royal Grammar, had, along with Ponteland High, nurtured high hopes in the male events, but, instead, the junior boys' side went to Thomas More, from Wood Green, London, with Greensward School, Hockley, and Willam Edwards School, Grays, finishing second and third respectively.

Kentish honour was upheld by the intermediate boys, where Ravenswood School, Bromley, emerged trium-

phant, finishing in front of King Edward VI, from Aston, Birmingham.

On a day characterised by fitful, indifferent weather, the frustrating combination of sunny intervals and cloud-covered interludes were countered by some consistently pleasing athletic performances as each team member competed in two events from either track and field, field and relay, or track and relay. Their individual scores contributed to each side's overall result and standing.

All had slogged their way through several of those grueling preliminary rounds and fully deserved a slice of the glamour inevitably associated with an appearance at Jonathan Edwards' home training ground and a leading British athletics venue.

Some competitors will, no doubt, be dreaming of emulating Edwards and aspiring to international status. Almost all are preparing to tune their televisions into BBC's Olympic coverage, ready to watch personal idols pursue glory in Atlanta. Perhaps by 2000, one or two might even be competing for Britain in Sydney.

Rather more immediately, several had a night on the Toon to look forward to. Indeed, that Essex contingent probably felt at home out celebrating on Saturday night. Wandering around Newcastle's trendy Bigg Market area after 7pm, the lasses are out in force, no doubt on the look out for boyfriends with go-faster stripes down the side of their cars.

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AN EXCLUSIVE TIMES COMPETITION

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2:25 British: 47. C Boardman (Gari) at 28:55; 142. M Scandri (Motorola) at 37:24.

EIGHTH STAGE (Savona-Saint-Maurice to Val d'Isère, 189ml): 1. Berzin 53min 48sec; 2. Riis at 35sec; 3. Olano; 4. Rominger 1:01; 5. M Indurain (Sp, Banesto) at same time; 6. Ulrich 1:07; 7. P Luttenberger 1:27; 8. Berzin 1:36; 9. Ulrich 1:45; 10. Dufaux 2:02; 11. Leblanc 2:07; 12. Virensen 2:26; 13. Garmendia 3:02; 14. Dufaux 3:31; 15. P Jonker (Aus, Phonak) 3:32; 16. Berzin 3:35; 17. Garmendia 3:45; 18. Escartín 3:48; 19. G Gunnar (Port) 4:18; 20. M Fernandez Gunes (Sp, Mapel-GB) 4:25.

TODAY: Ninth stage: Val d'Isère to Sestrière, Italy (118km).

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Sally Jones introduces her children to short-tennis, and meets some of the hopeful stars of the future

The road to the Centre Court, in short steps

With Wimbledon all but over, the tennis courts in every public park in the land are, for a week or two, crowded with would-be champions: from plump middle-aged chaps with ancient wooden Dunlop Marplis, to seven-year-olds whacking spongy balls with plastic rackets.

For most, the craze is soon over and then the rackets go back in the cupboard for another year.

Since the early 1980s, however, a revolution has been taking place in schools, clubs and leisure centres, to encourage more youngsters to take up tennis via a simplified, cut-down version of the game, known as short-tennis.

It was in this game as a thin, determined eight-year-old that Tim Henman, the new British hero, won his first national championship. Since then it has brought in tens of thousands of children from non-tennis playing backgrounds and kept their interest as they progress from short-tennis to the real thing.

I decided to initiate my two children, five-year-old Roly and Madeline, three, at the beginner's session at our nearest venue, the picturesque Warwick Boat Club, beside Warwick Castle. The session, which attracted about a dozen children, aged between five and seven, was run by club members Sue Lennox and Gill Thorpe, whose own children started with short-tennis.

It seemed at first sight like a party game, with the youngsters split into two teams and sprinting backwards and forwards in noisy, highly-competitive potato races to improve their speed and agility, then scurrying up and down with the ball balanced on the racket.

Next, they stood in a circle, gently hitting a low-bouncing, pressureless ball with their small, loosely-strung rackets for the child opposite to catch at waist height after one bounce. The drill became slightly more complex when each receiver was asked to catch the ball on the face of the racket.

"At this stage," Lennox said, "we're simply trying to build up the children's hand-eye co-ordination — and giving them a lot of fun."

The fun element was never in doubt, even though Roly, in headstrong mood, insisted on demonstrating the "big front-hand" he had learnt in the



back garden, whacking the ball straight at the child opposite.

Lennox tactfully distracted him by enlisting his help in setting out the low nets, with their mobile posts and light netting across the two small rectangular courts, minus trammels and simply divided down the middle.

After practising forehands and backhands in a group, the children formed two lines behind the baseline and were each fed a few groundstrokes, scoring one point for any shot that went over the net and two if it landed in court.

Even Madeline, swinging wildly at a gently-thrown ball, managed to hit a forehand for the first time and swelled with pride when she was awarded two points. By contrast, Lucy Tedstone and her friend Andrew Frost, both six, hardly missed a shot and after only a handful of sessions already looked capable of moving up into the more advanced group where the children begin to play simple games against one another.

"It's brilliant," Lucy said. "I love being in a group and playing lots of different games. My family are quite sporty and I can keep a rally going now — just about. I've made some new friends, too."

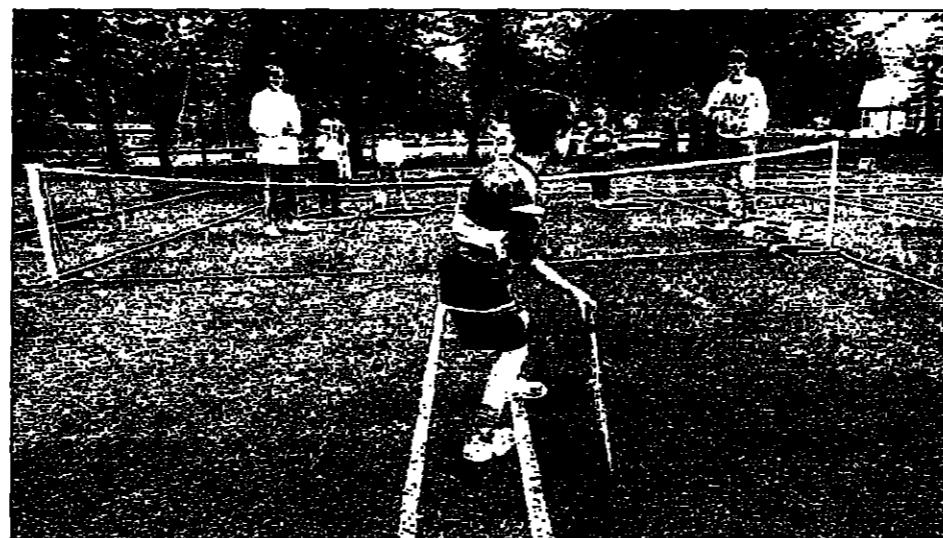
"I look forward to it every week," said William Homer, 5, another regular. "The first time I got a ball over the net I felt great."

Three children then stood inside hoops on the baseline of each court and tried to catch the groundstrokes hit by the children on the other side of the net. A catch after one bounce gave the catcher the right to change places with the hitter during this drill, which is designed to improve both accuracy and co-ordination.

Only Roly, thrilled to have played his first double-handed backhand on court, refused to change ends when caught



Tennis without tears... children at the net at Warwick Boat Club. To lessen the physical strain, nets are low, the court is reduced and rackets are loosely strung



Serving... children are involved in competition, but the emphasis is always on fun

"out" and insisted on being fed more groundstrokes, crowding with delight whenever he made contact.

By the end of the 45-minute session, the children reluctantly gathered up the scores of balls littering the court ("I want three balls in the box from everyone by the time I count ten"). The older children assembled for the more advanced session, several of them training for tournaments that give youngsters their first taste of competition well before they can master the basics of "proper" tennis.

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By contrast, short-tennis is a simple, accessible but realistic version of tennis and is growing rapidly in popularity. More than 200,000 children now play regularly and more than 70 per cent of the crop competing in the national age-group championships progressed to the full-scale game via short-tennis.

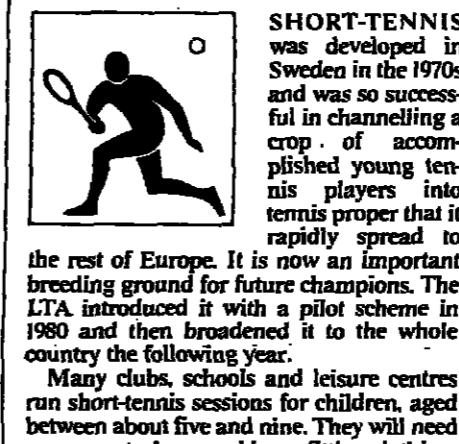
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MAKING A START IN SHORT-TENNIS



SHORT-TENNIS was developed in Sweden in the 1970s and was so successful in channelling a crop of accomplished young tennis players into tennis proper that it rapidly spread to the rest of Europe. It is now an important breeding ground for future champions. The LTA introduced it with a pilot scheme in 1980 and then broadened it to the whole country the following year.

Many clubs, schools and leisure centres run short-tennis sessions for children, aged between about five and nine. They will need pumps or trainers and loose-fitting clothing.

usually T-shirts and shorts or tracksuits, but most centres do not insist on white clothes and will usually lend a suitable mini racket until the child acquires his own (these can cost from £15). Dozens of low-pressure balls for the drills and games are also supplied.

Sessions, which are usually open to non-members and vary between 45 minutes and an hour in length, can cost up to £2 per child, although many are far cheaper than this.

Warwick Boat Club offers a course of ten sessions for £6 and has recruited dozens of children from non-tennis-playing backgrounds as a result.

To find out where your nearest centres are, contact: Short-Tennis Department, The LTA, Queen's Club, West Kensington, London W14 9EG (0171-381 7059).

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Paul Hackitt's team convincingly won their Premier league match against Sowerby. This hand was a rare gain for Sowerby. How do you think South managed to go down in Six Spades?

Dealer South Love all IMPs

+1095	+A84
▼Q10	▼9743
+A76	+K108
+KQJ	94
+3	+A84
▼Q5	▼9743
+Q9532	+K108
+108732	94
+KQ782	
▼J862	
+4	
+A65	

Contract: Six Spades by South. Lead: three of diamonds

Tony Forrester won the lead in

and Emily, 6, to do any exercise. She says: "I was getting unhappy with myself. Then came the chance of running the London Marathon. To be honest, I did not do enough distance work and hated the second half."

However, she still had enough talent to ensure that she did 3hr 45min. "I was also determined that having got to that level I was not going to give up. I wanted to do shorter distances, like 10 kilometres."

She kept training between her varied jobs as: a youth worker; a gymnastics coach for under-16s; a schools liaison officer for the Persil Fun Fit scheme; and an administrator for the Chiltern Christians training programme.

Two weeks ago, she ran at the world veterans championships in Bruges, both in the ten-kilometre road race, in which she finished sixth in her age category, recording 38min 33sec; and then, the next day, in the 25 kilometres, when she did the 43min 02sec.

"I was overwhelmed by my performance, but I was dying towards the end," she said. "I felt as if I was standing still." It is not an experience that sometimes as active as Josie often feels.

JOHN GOODBODY

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Manchester win

The team from Manchester Grammar School has won this year's Times British Schools chess championship. They defeated their co-finalists Maidstone Grammar School by the score of 3½ to 2½ in the final held on Friday at London's Charing Cross Hotel. Results of the third place play-off and games from both matches will appear in subsequent articles.

Never say die

By drawing game 15 and winning game 16, Gata Kamsky has kept his slim chances alive in the Fide world championship.

White: Gata Kamsky

Black: Anatoly Karpov

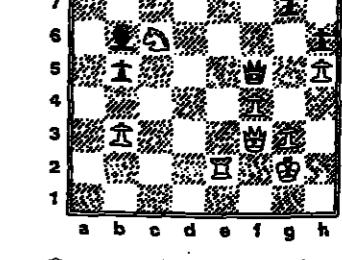
Fide world championship

Elista, Game 16, July 1996

1	d4	Nf6	Re8
2	c4	b6	Bf8
3	Nf3	b5	Kh8
4	g3	Bb6	Kg8
5	Bd2	Bb4+	f5
6	Bd2	B7	h5
7	Bg2	c8	g5
8	Bc3	d5	h4
9	Nc5	Nd7	Qd7
10	Nd7	Nd7	Qd7
11	Nc2	O-O	Rc8
12	O-O	c6	Rb8
13	e4	ed5	Re8
14	exd5	dc4	Qd8
15	dc5	cb3	Qd7
16	Re1	bd5	Qd8
17	re2	bd3	Rd8
18	Be2	Rd8	Rd8
19	Bc6	Rd8	Rd8
20	Rf7	Rd8	Rd8
21	Nc4	Rd3	Rd8
22	Rd7	O-O	Rd8
23	Rf4	Cf5	Rd8
24	Rf5	Qe6	Rd8

Queen's Indian Defence

a b c d e f g h



On move 20 Black could have played 20... Rxc3 but then 21 Nf1 Rf7 22 Rxf7 Qxf7 23 Rxe7 gives White the advantage. Interestingly, Karpov admitted to having analysed this variation before the game up to the 25th move, concluding that the position was equal. However, in his pre-game analysis Karpov had overlooked the combination 25 Rxd7 and if 25... Rxf7 26 Qd8+ forcing checkmate.

Karpov 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 Tot
Kamsky 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

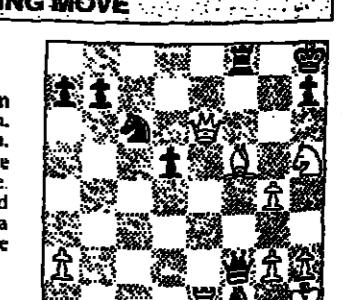
- SEMIBOUSY
 - a. Half drunk
 - b. A short blouse
 - c. A hiccup
- SMITHAM
 - a. A fine particle
 - b. A forge
 - c. Charlock
- SCHADON
 - a. The iambic caesura
 - b. A bee larva
 - c. A musical tailing-off
- SCOLE
 - a. A joint
 - b. A shoemaker's awl
 - c. A pedestal

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Berg — Nordstrom, Norway 1978. In this position, Black has a terrible threat of mate by playing ... Oxe2 next move. White has no good way to defend against this and so must resort to a swift attack himself. What did he play?



Solution, page 41

At full speed ahead

The cyclist and runner Josie Heffernan is on top of the world



PETER TREVOR

There seems no end to the talents of Josie Heffernan. A former competitor in the world cycling championships, she is now a veteran long-distance runner of rare distinction.

She trains for both sports while juggling four part-time jobs with four children. Josie, 45, is also a member of Christians in Sport.

Christians in Sport home in the world 25 kilometre road race in Bruges ten days ago, having been inspired to return to athletics when a member of The Times team for the 1994 London Marathon. It was the team spirit of that event — when the newspaper picked two teams, one advised by Chris Basher and the other by Mel Batty, from more than 500 applicants — that once again had Heffernan out on the roads. However, this time she was running, not cycling.

Her background on her bike has unquestionably helped her in athletics. "When I was 14 there was a clash between a cycling race and an inter-schools athletics event. My Dad told me that I had to make up my mind between the two. I opted for cycling."

Josie rode for Britain in four world championships. After giving birth to her first two children, Nell, 17, and Mark, 14, she tried triathlon in the 1980s but suffered so

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BOXING: RETIREMENT TALK PREMATURE DESPITE LISTLESS DISPLAY

Benn lacks conviction in and out of the ring

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

THE position of Nigel Benn as a serious world contender is in some doubt after his challenge for Steve Collins's World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight title in Manchester on Saturday. Immediately after the bout ended in the fourth round, because Benn was unable to continue as a result of an ankle injury, he announced that he was retiring.

It was reminiscent of his defeat by Thulane Malinga of South Africa, in Newcastle, when Benn retired immediately after the contest and came back the next day. This time his change of mind, or rather, half-change of mind, came just 20 minutes later.

He told the full house of 20,000 at the Nymex Arena and viewers of Sky Television: "I think this is it for me. Thanks to all my fans but I know when I have to stop." Then, after a shower and brush-up, he told the press: "My fiancee wants me to retire, my dad wants me to

retire. I will go home and think about it. I know I can beat them. They say I'm finished but I still have a lot of fight left in me."

There was no urgent reaction when a rematch was mentioned, nor did Frank Warren, the promoter, attempt to draw him out on the subject. "I'm not going to ask him to fight," Warren said. "If he wants to fight, he must decide."

Benn continued: "My fiancée, Caroline, is expecting twins. That means a lot to me, more than fighting. I'm going to sit down and think about it. When the babies are born I would like to be the champion. We'll talk and talk and talk and if at the end of it, I do retire, I can say what a blinding career I've had and I shouldn't feel sad."

It was strange to see a fighter who likes nothing better than a "tear up" hesitating about his next move, but it would be surprising if he did not come back. He received

£800,000 for his night's work. The 20,000 spectators who had cheered him wildly would return to see him pick up another £800,000 or so. But even Benn will have to do better next time to keep their allegiance. As Benn himself said: "If you go out a loser, you are soon forgotten."

His performance was the worst of his career. It was

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sloppy and lacked purpose. When he turned his ankle, the excruciating pain seemed to wipe out all desire of becoming a world champion again. He accepted the mishap without a murmur. His boxing had no co-ordinating strategy. He was fighting on instinct. He resorted to wild swings which set up attacks and, time after time, found himself in a wrestling match. Twice he missed and fell over.

I made the first two rounds

even and gave Benn the third. The judges did not give Benn a round. In the third, he caught Collins with four solid punches, two rights and two lefts. Even though the punches seemed to have little effect on the champion, the contest was just beginning to develop.

The champion said afterwards that he did not feel the punches. When his cornermen cautioned him against fighting Benn's fight he said: "He is not hurting me at all. I'm enjoying it. I'm going to go out and knock him out."

Benn appeared to be winning the fourth when he swung round with a punch and went down on his right ankle. There was no count as he had not gone down from any blow. Benn got up and tried in vain to put his weight on that foot in order to be able to ward off the blows that Collins was now piling in. Then, suddenly, Benn turned his back on Collins, waved his arms in the air and limped off back to his corner.



Collins, the champion, has Benn in trouble during the truncated world title bout in Manchester on Saturday

Grand design wins battle for Leeds United

BY JASON NISSE

Last Tuesday afternoon, the four-man board of Leeds United met to decide which one of three offers for the FA Carling Premiership club should be accepted. Would it be the media titans, Caspian, the Le Coq Sportif group, Conrad, or, coming in with a bid as late as a tackle by Vinnie Jones, the Norwegian fish giants, Resource Group International (RGI)? In the end, Caspian, the long-time favourites, got the nod, but the losers feel that the bid process left more than a little to be desired.

The deal has yet to go through, but, with the outgoing Leeds chairman, Leslie Silver, and incoming Leeds chairman, Bill Fotherby, accepting the deal, Caspian is assured of 79 per cent of the club's shares. The 250 minority shareholders in Leeds can either like it or lump it.

The trouble is that Caspian

George Graham, and is still shunned by Fifa, football's world governing body, he would not be that popular at the Football Association.

Yet what reason was there to run down Conrad's offer, especially as the company was promising to put another £15 million or so into Leeds? It appears that Silver and Fotherby were dazzled by the grand designs and vision of the Caspian chairman, Chris Akers.

Akers, 31, is a City whiz-kid who made his name brokering cable television and sporting rights deals. He wants to turn Leeds into the sort of sporting club that exists in Barcelona and is planned by Sir John Hall at Newcastle, but with added multimedia leisure and retailing ideas. The concept is for you to turn off the motorway into Elland Road on any day of the week and find entertainment – be it football, ice hockey, basketball, rugby league, the cinema, a disco, a bowling alley or even Gary Barlow in concert.

To do this, Akers needs money. Leeds's turnover in the 1995-96 season was £18.8 million, of which £8.6 million came from gate receipts and the rest largely from merchandising and television rights. Thanks to the new deal with BSkyB (40 per cent owned by News International, which owns *The Times*) this income is set to soar to more than £25 million this year and well in excess of £30 million in 1997-98.

There is a break clause in the BSkyB deal that will allow clubs to negotiate their own pay-per-view television deals come the summer of 1999. According to some quite excitable research, this could lead to annual income of more than £2 billion for the Premiership – or an average of £100 million each for the individual clubs. With TelePiu in Italy and Canal Plus in France launching pay-per-view football coverage this year, this revolution is not so far away.

It is easy to see how Akers's vision tempted Silver and co. The trouble is they did just the sort of under-the-cover deal that has haunted football over the years, a deal that heralds a new era with one of the last hurrahs of the old.

One can hardly blame Leeds for turning RGI away. Whereas the other two bidders had talked for weeks and delivered lots of documents, RGI turned up with one sheet of paper and a chap called Rune Hauge. As the agent who was so generous to the former Arsenal manager,

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Low & Bonar, AG Barr. Finalists: Buckland Group, Firth Holdings, Kenwood Appliances, Ivory & Sime, Northern Investors, Rexmire, Shield Diagnostics, Tomkins.

Economic statistics: UK June producer price index, UK May industrial production, US May consumer credit, US Treasury auction of short-term Treasury bills; Japan May current account.

TOMORROW

Interims: Eurocamp, P&P. Finalists: Birse Group, Badgers, Dudley Jenkins Group, Parapak, Gibbs Mew, John Menzies, Morris Ashby, Real Time Control, Universal Salvage, VHE Holdings, Wood (John D) & Co.

Economic statistics: UK May cyclical indicators, UK May new construction orders, UK Treasury summer economic forecast, US Minibusiness weekly store sales, US May wholesale inventories, US Johnson redbook weekly chainstore sales, German June unemployment.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: M&W. Finalists: Dixons Group, FI Group, Matthew Clark, Stanley Leisure, VTech Holding.

THURSDAY

Interims: First Choice, Holidays, Kleinwort Charter, Shan Group, Trust of Property Shares.

Finals: Caledonian Media Comms, Colefax & Fowler, GGT Group, Hampson Industries, Helton Holdings, Peel Holdings, Phonelink, Ramsay (Wm) & Son.

Economic statistics: UK June retail price index, US June Atlantic Fed survey, US weekly jobless claims report, French April current account balance.

FRIDAY

Interims: Olim Convertible Trust.

Finals: British Bloodstock. Economic statistics: UK Confederation of British Industry June distributive trades survey, US June producer prices index, US retail sales, US June Atlanta Fed survey, French June provisional consumer prices index.

COMPANIES

KAREN ZAGOR

Dixons plugs into soaring profits

DIXONS GROUP: The future looks bright for Dixons, the electrical goods retailer that owns Dixons, Currys, PC World and The Link mobile phone chain. Brokers are expecting healthy profits when the group turns in its full-year results on Wednesday.

Dixons's interim result have already revealed that the group weathered the all-important Christmas selling season in good shape.

Growth has been particularly strong at PC World, where NatWest Securities has forecast a 24 per cent jump in like-for-like sales to £225 million for the year. The group is about to embark on a £100 million expansion programme over two years, led by PC World and The Link, creating up to 4,000 new jobs.

Pre-tax profits are expected to soar 38 per cent to £138 million with earnings per share rising to 23.2p from 16.6p. The net dividend is expected to show a 17.2 per cent rise to 8.5p.

The projections take into account the fact that Dixons is facing lower margins on warranties. Over the past year, the company has come under sustained criticism over its extended warranties, which have been very lucrative for the group.

JOHN MENZIES: The bleaker side of retailing is expected to be at the fore when John Menzies reports its full-year results on Tuesday. Analysts at SBC Warburg are expecting pre-tax profits to decline to £35 million from £38.1 million in 1995. Predicted earnings per share stand at 40p, down from 44.6p. The dividend, however, is expected to rise to 13.8p from 13.2p.

The erosion will come as little surprise. In January, when the retailer and newspaper distributor reported its interim figures, it gave warning that the full-year performance would disappoint. At the time, the company blamed the erosion on less profitable contracts with publishers.



Francis Baron of First Choice, which is gearing up for a summer holiday price war

Looking ahead, Menzies stands to benefit from new Nintendo hardware, as Menzies has an exclusive contract with Nintendo. But the company is facing the threat of supermarkets moving into the profitable area of magazine retailing.

TOMKINS: The market has high hopes for an improvement at the industrial conglomerate in

the wake of Tomkins's \$1.4 billion acquisition of Gates, the privately owned US automotive and industrial components group. Any change, however, will come too late to affect Tomkins's full-year earnings, which are due out today. Analysts were disappointed when Tomkins issued a forecast of pre-tax profits in the £320 million range. UBS is looking for pre-tax profits of £323 million, up

7 per cent, with similar gains in earnings per share to 18.7p.

Dividends are expected to rise 15 per cent to 9.95p. The results reflect a grim winter in North America, which had a particularly negative impact on sales at Murray, its lawn mower manufacturer.

STANLEY LEISURE: The popularity of the National Lottery is

taking its toll on Stanley Leisure, Britain's fourth-biggest bookmaker, which reports its full-year figures on Wednesday. At the half-way mark, pre-tax profit were down nearly 20 per cent at £6.1 million. Analysts are looking for profits of about £14.5 million for the full year, with earnings per share in the 18p to 18.6p range and dividends of about 6.5p. Last year the hot summer kept punters out of the betting shops. This year the company should benefit from wetter weather, a one-point drop in betting tax and the introduction of fruit machines into betting shops.

FIRST CHOICE: With the holiday price wars for summer 1997 already heating up, First Choice, the third biggest package holiday company, is expected to post an interim loss of about £28 million.

Tour operators traditionally dip into the red in the first half, when they spend heavily in the hopes of recouping their losses during the summer. First Choice, which is owned by Thomas Cook and whose chief executive is Francis Baron, had a rough ride in the year to October when pre-tax profits tumbled to £1.3 million from £16.3 million a year earlier. Profits were hurt by the huge discounts needed to lure travellers away from competitors.

First Choice may find that this year's wet summer will drive more families abroad, but the unseasonably early price-war does not bode well.

MATTHEW CLARK: When the drinks group reports its full-year profits on Wednesday, analysts will be looking to see how successful Matthew Clark has been in integrating Taunton Cliffs, which it acquired last year. They are looking for pre-tax profits ranging from £23 million to £30 million, but the figures will be distorted by extraordinary items. Excluding exceptional items, the City expects operating earnings per share of about 46.4p, with dividends of 23p.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Clarke likely to cut forecast

The centrepiece of the British economic calendar this week is tomorrow's summer forecast from the Treasury, the economic assumptions of which will provide the backdrop to the Budget in November. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is widely expected to revise down his forecast for growth this year from 3 per cent to 2.7 per cent. The new growth forecast will be between 2.5 per cent and 2.75 per cent, while the PSBR could be revised up to £28 billion from £22.5 billion. Inflation for end-1996 is likely to be unchanged at 2.5 per cent.

Before the summer forecast come two important releases today. Producer prices data are expected to show a continued drop in industry's costs and prices. Input prices are expected to have fallen 0.5 per cent in June, giving a fall against a year ago of 0.3 per cent, according to the consensus of market forecasts compiled by MMS International. Output prices are expected to have fallen 0.1 per cent, taking the year-on-year rate down to 2.7 per cent from 2.9 per cent. Industrial production figures are expected to show a small rise of 0.2 per cent in both total production and in manufacturing output.

On Thursday, the latest distributive trades survey from the CBI is released as well as June retail price inflation figures. Headline inflation is forecast to be flat, pushing the annual rate down to 2.1 per cent from 2.2 per cent in May. The underlying rate of inflation is forecast to fall to 2.7 per cent from 2.8 per cent, and RPIY, the measure which excludes both mortgage interest payments and indirect taxes, is expected to be unchanged at 2.3 per cent.

Overseas, there will be interest in US retail sales and producer prices figures on Friday and German unemployment figures tomorrow. The Bundesbank council meets on Thursday, but is not expected to alter rates.

JANET BUSH

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Vardon, SIG, ML Laboratories; Sell Eurotherm, The Observer. *Buy Dixons, Zeneca; Sell Rank, Allied Domex, Caradon, P&O, BAA.* *The Sunday Telegraph:* Buy CRH, Great Universal Stores, Forward Technology Industries, Reg Vardy, Newman Tonks, Dixons, Property Trust. *Sunday Express:* Buy HTV

Issues that could spoil the party

GILT-EDGED

The gilt market has had a good run recently. Since the lows associated with the initial impact of the mad cow problem, the trend has been quite decisive up. Looked at as the spread over German bonds — the UK Government has seen the cost of its funding fall from about a 1.9 per cent premium over bonds to around 1.5 per cent currently.

One factor has been a switch of focus from political issues and back to good old-fashioned economics. Inflation has stayed low, interest rates have fallen further and economic growth

has slowed to something seen to be below trend. The level of government borrowing has, at times, caused concern, but the overshoot has, from a market perspective, been kept within reasonable bounds.

Indeed, when the Chancellor presents half-yearly economic forecasts this week, he will have quite an upbeat story to tell. True, he will have to revise the growth forecast down and the PSBR forecast up for this year, but, for next year, he will doubtless have, with some justification, that

stronger growth will tend to ensure that the trend in the PSBR is down. For this year and next, the inflation target is expected to be achieved.

What has been going on has not been just a domestically-driven economic story. International investors have been seeking value in bond markets and chasing those that have tended to yield above-average returns. At various times, Italy, Spain and Sweden have been the flavour of the month. The UK has, somewhat belatedly, joined in

the spread-narrowing that has been a feature of the high-yielders so far this year.

Perhaps surprisingly, political risk has not been a deterrent to overseas investors. There are a variety of explanations. Kenneth Clarke has given assurances that he will not go for the traditional pre-election tax or interest-rate cuts. Although a small pinch of salt may be required, a "soared earth" policy is not on the cards. The Labour Party is not the threat it once was. And with John Major indicating his intention to run the full term, a general election may still be almost a year away.

It may seem churlish, when much seems to be going right, to identify what could go wrong. However, two issues loom and have the potential to spoil the party at some stage.

The first is the UK's economic performance. There are clear signs that activity is picking up again. Witness growth in narrow money, consumer credit, house prices and earnings. To talk of a return of the "feel-good" factor may be to overstate the case, but stronger growth in consumers' expenditure is on the cards.

What that means is that towards the end of this year, and going into next, growth in the economy is more likely to be above trend than below and there will be (modest) upward pressure on inflation and even more pressure to raise interest rates. However prudent Mr Clarke is likely to be, to expect him to raise interest rates before a general election is to expect too much.

Strong growth, rising house prices and expectations of slightly higher inflation may be good for a Government looking to get re-elected, but are bad news for the gilt market, and monetary policy could effectively be on hold at a crucial time in the economic cycle. Whoever wins the next general election is probably going to have to put interest rates up — and the longer the delay, the higher they will eventually need to go.

The other issue is the general election itself — far enough away to be ignored to a large degree at the moment, but getting closer by the day. Come autumn, the political temperature at Westminster will have soared and every shift in the opinion polls will make headlines. The gilt market has a history of reacting to elections surprisingly close to the event. It may be different this time, but not completely different. Some risk is bound to be factored into gilt prices.

Coalfield job creator helped 130,000

By OUR CITY STAFF

THE job-creation arm of British Coal helped more than 130,000 people to find work in areas hit by the decline of the mining industry over the past 12 years, its final annual report shows today.

More than 60,000 redundant miners found a new job because of British Coal Enterprise, which has built a number of industrial and office units in mining

towns and villages to attract new businesses. Almost 55,000 jobs were created by the company's business-funding arm, which gave loans, and another 16,000 jobs came from the industrial and office units.

Philip Andrew, chief executive, said:

"We have made a real and lasting contribution to the long-term regeneration of Britain's coalfield areas."

The organisation was formed in 1984, at the time of the year-long miners' strike, with the aim of creating 100,000 jobs in ten years.

It invested £101 million in more than 5,300 job-creating projects, which in turn attracted a further £730 million from other sources, including banks.

BCB's business-funding and external outplacement divisions have now been sold to management buyouts and the sale of its workspace activity is imminent.

GROUPE PARIBAS

Purchase offer for Compagnie Financière Ottomane by VALEURS ET RENDEMENTS SA

The Luxembourg Stock Exchange authorities have been advised that VALEURS ET RENDEMENTS SA, a Luxembourg registered company, is launching its public offer, guaranteed by Compagnie Financière de Paribas and to be implemented by a guaranteed price (OPA), to purchase 100% of the shares of Compagnie Financière Ottomane (CFO), a Luxembourg registered company, 50.1% being held by the public and the balance by companies within Groupe Paribas. This offer is made at a price of FRF 350 per share, FRF 402,660 per Founder's share and FRF 40,266 per 1/10th of a Founder's share. Shares can be presented by the shareholders of CFO from 8 July to 2 August 1996 inclusive:

- on the Stock Exchanges of London, Luxembourg and Paris through an intermediary. On the Paris Stock Exchange, sale expenses will be borne by the buyer in accordance with the scale given in the information memorandum;
- if bearer ordinary shares, Founder's shares and 1/10ths of Founder's shares:
 - in London, to Barclays Bank, 8 Angel Court, Throgmorton Street, London EC2R 7HT;
 - in Luxembourg, to Banque Paribas, 10A Boulevard Royal, L-2093 Luxembourg;
- as regards registered shares:
 - in London, to Independent Registrars Group, Bourne House, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 4TU;
 - in Luxembourg, to Banque Paribas Luxembourg, 10A Boulevard Royal, L-2093 Luxembourg;

In Paris, bearer shares should be sold on the market through an intermediary.

c) as regards registered shares:

- in London, to Independent Registrars Group, Bourne House, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 4TU;

in Luxembourg, to Banque Paribas Luxembourg, 10A Boulevard Royal, L-2093 Luxembourg;

in Paris, the shares should be sold through an account holding intermediary after having been registered with Sicavam.

Settlement will be made in Sterling in London and French Francs in Luxembourg.

This offer to purchase follows the sale by CFO of its sole operational activity, Osmanli Bankasi, to the Garanti Bankasi Group on 25 June 1996. CFO now holds only a portfolio of liquid assets, trade investments and a building in Paris.

The price offered by VALEURS ET RENDEMENTS SA for the shares is 40% higher than the weighted average price on the daily market at the Paris stock exchange during the three months preceding announcement of this operation in May last. It is 17% above the market price on the day preceding this announcement. For Founder's shares and 1/10ths of Founder's shares, the price proposed is 20% higher than the weighted average on the unquoted market of the Paris stock exchange during the 12 months preceding the announcement. The offer represents 97% of the revalued net assets of the company as at 31 May 1996 which total FRF 360 per share.

The board of directors of CFO, having considered the offer and possible alternative courses of action, concluded that on balance and in all the circumstances, it would be in the interests of shareholders to accept the price proposed of FRF 350 per share. Only the independent directors took part in this vote. Furthermore, Salustro Reydel and Robson Rhodes, appointed as independent experts, have concluded that they have no comment on the price offered to shareholders.

An information memorandum is available:

- in Paris at Banque Paribas, 3 rue d'Antin, 75002 Paris;
- in Luxembourg at Banque Paribas Luxembourg, 10A Boulevard Royal, L-2093 Luxembourg;
- in London at Ottoman Financial Services, King William House, 2A Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AA, at Barclays Bank and Independent Registrars Group.

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JOHN SHEPPARD AND NIGEL RICHARDSON

Liquidators attacked over BCCI payouts

By ROBERT MILLER

LIQUIDATORS of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI), which crashed five years ago with debts of \$10 billion, have been criticised for failing to pay out compensation.

Keith Vaz, the MP for Leicester East who has campaigned on behalf of depositors and former BCCI employees, said he was calling on John Major to intervene personally to secure a speedy settlement for creditors.

Pressure eased in gas battle

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

BRITISH GAS has delayed invoking part of the Gas Act to free it from price controls in a move that may ease tension between the company and the regulator over pricing plans for TransCo, the pipeline operation.

TransCo had asked for a price-control disapplication from July 1 next year to put pressure on Clare Spottiswoode, the regulator, to announce her controls. Present price controls expire next April and the disapplication plea meant that if no revised price formula were agreed by then, the business would be free to trade unregulated. The timeframe allowed for the regulator to make proposals, and have a month's consultation with the company, and then for the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to judge the issue.

However, TransCo has now put back the disapplication date after Ofgas said that it may need more time. It has been set for September 6.

Ofgas has already delayed by three weeks unveiling final proposals for TransCo after initial ones angered the company. The latest date the industry is thought to be working towards is July 23, but the disapplication date gives Ofgas breathing space into August.

Speaking on the anniversary of the bank's failure, Mr Vaz said the crash of BCCI had generated fees worth some \$285.6 million up to January this year for Deloitte & Touche, the bank's liquidator, and Lovell White and Durant, its lawyer. A spokesman for Deloitte & Touche declined to comment.

The Labour MP added that the principle shareholder in BCCI, the Sheikh of Abu Dhabi, had earlier this year paid the liquidators compensation of \$1.55 billion as part of a total package that will top \$1.8 billion.

There are 250,000 BCCI creditors worldwide, 38,000 of whom are based in the UK. The Deposit Protection Scheme, administered by the Bank of England, has paid out £78 million in compensation to 16,000 depositors. The Bank initially identified 53,000 sterling accounts, but only 40,000 left contact addresses, and in the end only 16,000 claimed.

The BCCI collapse also sparked the largest investigation and prosecution file yet undertaken by the Serious Fraud Office.

The investigation has so far resulted in four convictions, including that of Syed Ziauddin Ali Akbar, head of the bank's overseas treasury division, who was extradited from France and sentenced to six years in prison in September 1993. He pleaded guilty to 16 specimen charges of false accounting totalling \$740 million between 1982 and 1986.

In September, the SFO will bring another BCCI-related case to court against Abbas Gokal, chairman of the Gulf Group, over allegations of fraud and false accounting. One charge mentions \$1.2 billion, the largest single sum ever used in an indictment against an individual.



Vaz: plea to John Major

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Dean Miles, front of Retail Broadcast Services, and Tim O'Neill at the launch of Gfm

Society chief waives bonus

By ANNE ASHWORTH

BRIAN DAVIS, chief executive of Nationwide Building Society, the second largest, saw his pay rise from £286,000 to £337,000 in the year to April.

His salary included an annual bonus of £39,000 and a

medium-term bonus of £73,000. However, Dr Davis chose to waive total bonuses of £45,000, a decision he also took in 1995 when he waived bonuses of £68,000.

Dr Davis took over the top job in July 1994, which means that his earnings for that year

included only nine months' pay as chief executive.

In February the Nationwide, which is pledged to retain its mutual status, launched a mutuality reward package, returning £200 million in profits to savers and borrowers.

Eight new issues

IT MAY be a fraction of the size of the Stock Exchange, but last week, the Alternative Investment Market outpaced the main exchange by attracting eight new issues from the latter's five.

AFA Systems, which floated on Wednesday at 120p, showed that a company whose sales date back only four months can still win the confidence of AIM investors, encouraged by the record of its management. It ended the week at 136p. Other

trading was relatively quiet, says Julian Palfreyman, a trader at Winterflood Securities. As the financial half-year approaches, fund managers are traditionally more reluctant to spend to keep within the limits of the balance book.

This week is likely to keep up the momentum of new issues. Podrum, a foods com-

pany, is being placed at 3p today, which will make the shares the cheapest on the market. Drings, a Bath stonemason, floated at 3p on Friday and achieved a premium of 1p. Traders expect Podrum to follow suit.

Cirqual, the aluminium and thermoplastics group which floats today at 122p, has more than one reason to

be grateful for the £5.8 million it is raising. By passing the stake of its largest shareholder to below 50 per cent, the group has satisfied the criteria which allow investors to claim tax relief on capital gains made on its shares. This puts Cirqual on a different level of liquidity, attracting more private investors and catching the attention of the venture capital trusts.

FRASER NELSON

High Low Mid cap (£million) Price pence Wkly +/- % Yld P/E

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1995 High	Low	Mid cap (£million)	Price pence	Wkly +/-	%	Yld	P/E
136	132	13.60 AFA Systems	126	+ 3	5.3	16.4	
134	109	16.70 AMCO Corp	117	+ 3	5.3	16.4	
58	18	2.48 Abacus Recruit	45	-			
151	115	17.60 Active Imaging	146	- 7			
210	123	31.00 A de Gruchy	210	-	3.6		
204	74	15.70 African Fin	154	- 4		34.1	
74	13	7.00 Albermarle & Bd	74	-			
24	15	7.10 Allied Domtar	15	-			
470	380	45.00 Am St Cray	470	+ 15	4.9	12.7	
965	885	5.72 Ann St Cr Pl	965	- 2			
121	73	51.95 Antovox	73	- 2			
9	8	1.89 Arion Progs	8	-			
141	68	22.50 As Central	140	- 1			
53	55	1.14 Athelney Trust	63	-			
53	52	5.20 Babcock	23	-		44.1	
46	17	5.20 Babcock Hds	46	+ 3			
150	140	4.12 Balcarca	46	-			
70	70	0.99 Barwise Leis	145	-	3.9	7.1	
503	240	9.15 Bradford Hds	53	- 7			
121	116	54.70 Bradford Hds	463	-	2.0		
110	110	6.04 CCI Holdings	118	-		6.5	
213	95	0.13 CCJ Founder Shs	110	-			
75	55	5.23 Calico Inn	183	- 2	1.6	15.1	
3	2	7.39 Callendar Tst	65	-		7.9	
66	58	3.00 Capital & Wash	34	- 1			
108	93	13.00 Cardigan Is	80	- 1	0.8	17.4	
72	60	11.50 Carrbrook Ship	71	- 1		8.1	
48	41	3.39 Cassidy Bros	62	-	6.3		
18	16	2.09 Cavendish W F	48	-	3.9		
235	650	5.28 Celebrate Group	18	-			
1275	600	6.70 Celic	245	+ 200			
21	109	3.20 Ci Comms TV Pt Sts	195	+ 200			
66	61	7.57 Clarwell Ind	71	-	2.6		
100	53	107.50 Chelsea Village	90	+ 2			
185	183	19.90 Circle Comms	183	-			
110	110	0.99 Club Homes	110	-			
510	45	13.90 Clubpartners	33	-			
18	15	12.40 Clubpartn'r Pl	510	-			
108	100	8.47 Concorde Tech	18	-			
100	100	0.25 Concorde Tech A Pt	100	-			
125	125	0.84 Concorde Tech B Pt	125	-			
225	225	0.17 Concorde Tech C Pt	225	-			
44	47	8.76 Concorde Is	40	-	5.0	10.0	
66	58	15.20 Concorde Gdns	55	-	2.0	16.4	
243	68	2.49 Craggy Edge Pl	65	-			
102	57	15.90 Cross Indl	72	-			
63	53	23.70 Crown Products	53	-			
377	152	27.10 DBS Management	377	+ 172	4.0		
55	52	3.41 David Glass	32	-			
75	63	8.28 Darton Hds	57	-	5.7		
1700	860	7.60 Dewan Hds	1675	+ 10	2.4	14.7	
17	11	4.38 Dean Corp	15	-			
375	305	33.30 Dicon	327	+ 4		7.55	
76	60	14.30 Drimatic	76	-			
137	70	7.10 Electrophoresis	4	-			
200	100	7.10 Electrophoresis	110	-			
81	36	41.50 Emtech	48	-			
116	73	18.60 Epic Multimedia	80	+ 4			
120	120	5.62 Euro Sales Fn	125	-			
475	425	9.28 Farthing Hds	475	+ 10			
138	111	9.28 Farthing Hds	52	-			
65	61	3.05 Feldkers	61	+ 2			
620	75	6.13 Finn Pls	260	-			
183	45	16.40 Finwest	70	-			
183	175	36.10 First Inter	178	-			
245	195	16.40 First Inter	203	- 5			
243	253	7.05 Final St	303	- 2	0.4	13.8	
193	136	16.40 Formcast	156	- 2	1.6	20.3	
352	14	10.20 Frappages	28	- 12			
188	93	9.28 Fullerton Hds	138	-	2.3		
21	17	27.20 Gold Mine Sardina	21	-			
122	12	4.63 Gold Mine Sard Wts	21	+ 3			
150	145	4.50 Greenhills	15	- 5			

Deadline looms for deal on 'roaring lion' studio

Crédit Lyonnais close to unveiling MGM buyer

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

MGM, the Hollywood film studio, is likely to be sold this week after a tense bidding round.

Industry sources believe that the new owner of the celebrated "big cat" studio will be one of three companies: Polygram, the Anglo-Dutch entertainment group; the Morgan Creek film company, or News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*. At one point, there were more than twice as many bidders.

The current owner, Crédit

Lyonnais, the French bank, has set itself a July 14 deadline for an announcement of which of the bidders has succeeded.

Bank executives spent the weekend "clarifying" the bids. Their decision is likely to be announced simultaneously in New York, Los Angeles and Paris.

Crédit Lyonnais took control of MGM in 1992 after the studio's then owner, Giancarlo Purretti, of Italy, defaulted on his loans.

The bank has until next May to dispose of its controlling stake, but it

wants to sell now after a boost to MGM's profile from a series of box office hits such as *The Birdcage* and Pierce Brosnan's first James Bond film, *GoldenEye*.

The three leading bids are believed to hover around the \$1.2 billion mark, well shy of the \$2 billion that Crédit Lyonnais once hoped to achieve.

Price, however, will not be the only factor in the decision on who gets to buy a studio whose symbol is roaring during the opening credits of many Hollywood classics,

evoke the early romance of motion pictures.

MGM was, for years, the domain of the late Louis B. Mayer, who arrived in Los Angeles in 1916 and formed a film production company that eventually became Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Mayer was a mercurial force, and his reliance on family-oriented, patriotic movies brought him success and power. His hits included the 1926 version of *Ben Hur*, *Dinner at Eight* and *Grand Hotel*.

Later owners of the studio in-

cluded the Bronfmans, of Seagram's whisky fame, and Kirk Kerkorian, the Las Vegas casino entrepreneur, who sold assets and did little for the studio's artistic confidence.

Sigmar Parfetti was another vivid character, but, in recent times, MGM's movie-making prospered under the aegis of Frank Mancuso, and, in 1993, the studio grossed \$33 million from 15 films, against \$149 million from eight films in 1994.

Mr Mancuso, a veteran Hollywood figure, attempted to mount a management buyout, partly backed

by General Electric's NBC television network. The Mancuso bid is thought to have failed.

Bidders have been attracted by MGM's long backlog of films, including the James Bond and Rocky series, and by the prospect of owning one of the best-known brand names in global entertainment. For the successful bidder will come the satisfaction not only of instant awe and recognition in Tinsel Town, but also of sitting against a backdrop of Hollywood's mightiest symbol, the roaring lion.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Travelling man meets with hitch

MICHAEL Hardern, chief building society carpetbagger, seems to lack luck. Having appealed, on the Internet, for money to let him attend building society AGMs, he has hardly made the most of his warchest. Bradford & Bingley's was a success — Hardern was there, busily collecting members for conversion. He did not, however, make it on time for the Leeds & Holbeck meeting — only for the canapés. It was similar at the Yorkshire's AGM, and his car would not start afterwards. Yorkshire staff were sympathetic enough to find jump leads.

JONATHAN Clare, managing director of Citigate Communications, is offering a case of champagne to any chief executive or finance director beating him in Wednesday's 35-mile Chase Corporate Challenge race — if a Citigate client. It may be hard. Clare runs often and aims to be one of the fastest "40-somethings".

Undies to Japan

JAPAN'S yen for top-quality British goods is spreading to ladies' underwear. The Knickerbox chain has opened two stores in Kobe, with 200 planned later. A spokeswoman says: "It's all down to display. They used to keep the stuff in cardboard boxes, but now there are window displays featuring life-size photographs and cut-out models of Western girls wearing the latest that Britain has to offer."

A long goodbye

MYSTERY shopping is growing in financial services. Prospero Direct, direct-selling arm of Provincial Insurance, uses the method, whereby pretend clients ring staff to see how they handle the public, but Barrie Wells, Prospero's managing director, was astonished when the chief executive of one of the UK's top brokers, boasted that his staff compete monthly to see how long they can detain an underwriter on Prospero's free-call line. The record holder hit 53 minutes.

Lloyd's talks aim to win US backing for survival plan

BY JON ASHWORTH

LLOYD'S OF LONDON resumes talks with officials in America today, in the hope of striking an agreement before the Lloyd's annual meeting and securing US support for a £3.1 billion survival plan.

The talks take place at the results of a MORI poll is published in London, appearing to show support of more than 80 per cent of UK investors for the plan.

The 82 per cent majority likely to support the deal, vital for the future of Lloyd's, is the best figure since it was first outlined last autumn. In November, a similar poll by MORI showed only 54 per cent backing the proposals put forward by the ruling Council of Lloyd's. The figure rose to 65 per cent in December and

79 per cent in May. Up to 2,000 Lloyd's names are expected to attend proceedings, which come soon after the publication of results for the 1993 underwriting year.

Agreeing US names have put pressure on state regulators to try to force an improved offer from Lloyd's. Opposition within America possibly poses the single biggest threat to the Lloyd's reconstruction and renewal (R&R) plan. But Lloyd's hopes to have resolved its American difficulties by the time members gather at the Royal Festival Hall in London on July 15.

This Friday, Lloyd's is expected to unveil a profit of up to £1.2 billion for the 1993 underwriting year — its first profit since a wave of catastro-

phes in the late 1980s began to take their toll. The profit will be the first since 1987.

Names attending the annual meeting on July 15 will have barely two hours in which to address the floor — in sharp contrast to past meetings, at which proceedings have continued for six hours or more. David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, will call a halt to proceedings soon after noon, clearing the way for an extraordinary general meeting.

Names will hear calls for further increases to the £3.1 billion settlement offer, which was revised from an initial £2.8 billion two months ago. During the afternoon, names will vote on plans for a refundable levy, aimed at raising £440 million towards the Lloyd's settlement.

Statements telling names how much they will have to pay will be sent out towards the end of the month. Names have until August 28 to indicate whether they are going to accept the offer.

Lloyd's has yet to decide what level of acceptances will be required to carry the day. Assuming success, names will have until the end of September to come up with the necessary funds.

Lloyd's received a boost last week, when the committee of the Association of Lloyd's Members (ALM), which represents about 9,000 names, indicated its support for R&R. Sir David Berriman, ALM chairman, commended the offer, and said that the future for those rejecting R&R was likely to be bleak.

□ The latest round of auctions for capacity at Lloyd's begins today, with a slow start expected. Introduced last year, auctions take the form of sealed bids, allowing members to sell underwriting capacity to the highest bidder.

Hoover to make big UK investment

BY CLARE STEWART

THE European arm of Hoover, the domestic appliances company, is ready to announce a major investment in the UK this week, together with the launch of a number of new products.

The move comes one year after the Hoover European Appliance Group was acquired from Maytag Corporation in the United States by Candy, the privately owned Italian appliance manufacturer.

Hoover's European base is at Merthyr Tydfil in Mid Glamorgan, where 1,000 people are employed in the headquarters and factory. It also has a

floorcare factory in Cambuslang, Glasgow. The details of the investment in the UK will be the first major changes since Candy took over the company.

At the time of the \$170 million deal, Candy promised to develop the UK manufacturing facilities and to develop its links with Maytag, which retains the Hoover business in the US, in order to develop the product range.

Candy, which is based in Monza in Italy, is the fourth-largest manufacturer of white goods in Europe, and commands a 12 per cent share of the European market.

Spring Ram meeting investigated

BY JASON NISSE

SPRING Ram Corporation, the troubled kitchens and bathrooms group, may be forced to reconvene its annual meeting after complaints that the original meeting, held last month, was not conducted properly.

A small shareholder, Ian Pattison, of Halifax, West Yorkshire, has written to the Stock Exchange and the Department of Trade and Industry to complain that Roger Regan, Spring Ram's chairman, failed to take a vote properly in the meeting and acted undemocratically.

The Stock Exchange is investigating the complaints and the DTI has suggested that Mr Pattison may consider legal action against Spring Ram. The specific complaint by Mr Pattison is over the way Mr Regan handled the vote to appoint Philip Hanscombe as a non-executive director.

The vote was taken and, according to Mr Pattison, the motion was clearly defeated on a show of hands. Instead of then calling for a poll of shareholders, as is usual, Mr Regan asked Mr Hanscombe to give a speech to the AGM and for the vote to be taken again.

According to Mr Pattison, Mr Regan then asked shareholders to reconsider given the length of time it would take to have a poll and the fact this would delay lunch. The second show of hands showed a majority in favour of Mr Hanscombe.

Kathy Baxandall, Spring Ram's company secretary, denied that Mr Regan had asked for the vote to be taken again "in the interests of lunch", saying that the first vote was inconclusive.

Revenue to tell AIM firms their tax status

BY FRASER NELSON

CONFUSION over eligibility for capital gains tax relief, which has plagued the Alternative Investment Market since its inception, may be cleared in the next few months by an Inland Revenue scheme to make its tax regulations more investor-friendly.

After pressure from City firms, including Winterflood Securities, the AIM market-maker, the Inland Revenue has agreed to tell unlisted companies whether their shares qualify for the tax break before they come to the market.

At present, the Revenue will not decide whether a company

is suitable for capital gains tax relief until shareholders make their claim, having sold shares.

AIM market-makers were pushing for the complex regulations to be clarified, and for a definitive list of qualifying companies to be drawn up. However, the Revenue said that such a list would be price sensitive, and that its remit was to deal with investors individually. It added that, under the compromise, tax details would be sorted out with individual companies.

In spite of the common belief that the Alternative Investment Market is a tax haven, fewer than a third of its 183 companies qualify for reinvestment relief. To qualify, a company must own at least 75 per cent of its subsidiaries, and avoid having a "substantial amount" of business in financial services, licensing or property. However, a qualifying company that moves to a full listing keeps the special tax status, regardless of its further trading developments.

The Inland Revenue's new system of "advance clearance" is now in the final stages of development, and is expected to be activated before autumn.

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Ladbroke eyes Moscow

BY ALANDAIR MURRAY

LADBROKE is leading the charge of Western hotel groups keen to participate in the £1 billion sell-off of Moscow's state-owned hotels.

The city government of Moscow has appointed Knight Frank, the surveyor, as investment advisers to the sale of 200 hotels ranging in size from 100 to 3,200 rooms.

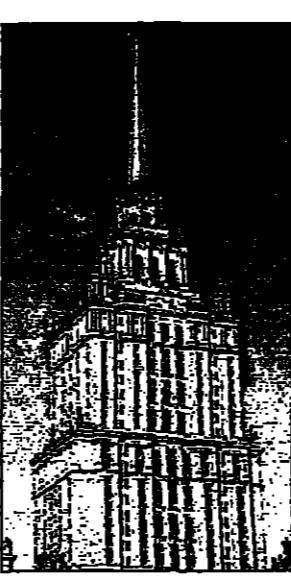
The star attractions are the National Hotel in Red Square, recently refurbished for \$90 million, and the 1,000-room Ukraine, on the River Moskva opposite the White House, Russia's parliament.

Moscow is an extremely attractive market to hotel groups with the boom in business travellers causing a chronic shortage in suitable

accommodation. Upmarket hotels in Moscow are the most expensive in the world, commanding average room rates of \$300 a night. Occupancy levels are 80 per cent.

John Inge, of Knight Frank, said: "The hotels are enormously attractive, including many famous names, and buyers are queuing up from around the world." Many, however, are in poor condition and will need significant investment to bring them up to Western standards.

Ladbroke has confirmed that it is interested in adding Moscow hotels to its Hilton portfolio. Other buyers considering purchases include JTI Sheraton and Marriott as well as private buyers from the Middle East and Asia Pacific — but not Sir Rocco Forte.



The Ukraine is well sited

WORD-WATCHING

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SEMIBOUSA

(a) Half drunk. Obsolete. The grandfather of half-cut and semiboozy. "Som unfeisty persons, that were not well awaked, or semibousy over eve."

SMITHAM

(a) The finest particle of dust or ground malt. In mining, the finest part of lead ore, usually obtained by passing through a sieve, and afterwards ground to powder. A variant of smedium, meaning spirit or pith. "Your malt-dust which is the sprout, come, smitham, and other excrements of the malt."

SCHADON

(b) The larva of a bee. From Aristotle in the Greek schadon. "The weather keeping them [sc. bees] in, they can do nothing but breed, and hatch their schadons."

SOCLE

(c) A low plain block or plinth serving as a pedestal to a statue, column, or vase, etc. Also a plain plinth diminutive of soccus a sock. "A for a wall. From the Latin socculus diminutive of soccus a sock, the high round pedestal formed by the foaming sea-water, like the sole of a monument."

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THE POUND

US dollar

1.5555 (+0.0018)

German mark

2.3773 (+0.0129)

Exchange index

86.7 (+0.4)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share

2743.9 (+14.2)

FT-SE 100

3743.2 (+32.2)

New York Dow Jones

5588.14 (-6.49)

Tokyo Nikkei Average

22232.42 (-298.33)

TOURIST RATES

Bank Buys

Australia \$ 2.06

Austria Sfr 17.72

Belgium Fr 51.89

Canada \$ 2.225

Cyprus Cyp 0.784

Denmark Kr 9.73

Finland Fim 7.81

France Fr 8.17

Germany Dm 2.53

Greece Dr 388

Hong Kong \$ 12.70

Ireland Pt 1.

My goodness. Weekend "leaks" of imagining at Lazarus, the merchant bank, should bring a couple of stock market Lazaruses back to life for a while this week. Could lacklustre Guinness pic really bid the kitchen sink for lacklustre Grand Metropolitan and create a huge, tremendously exciting, high-growth drinks company from the parts? What a story, what a monopoly, what a multi-billion car-boot sale of forced disposals that would create.

Perhaps, instead, City plan B could be pipped into fund managers' virtual reality headsets. From seemingly unexciting Guinness, untold value, which has unaccountably escaped the scrutiny of dozens of high-paid City analysts, could be released to shareholders. All you need do is to split the beer brewing interests from the spirit distilling interests in a trendy demerger.

No need even to write a new script for this one. Just load a tape, persuasively detailing all the supposed logic behind Guinness buying Distillers a decade ago, and run it backwards. Then add a special ingredient. You borrow vast sums of money and hand it straight over to shareholders as a special dividend. Brilliant, truly brilliant.

Among the heroic numbers for cost savings, profit rises and disposals suggested for a GrandMet bid, however, one stands out as more authentic than any other. City fees of about £66 million were pencilled in. The board of the £9 billion drinks

Move into engineering is only froth for Guinness

group is taking a rather spoilsport attitude to this City genius. "As with other large companies, Guinness routinely analyses possible developments in its industry," a statement explained, not entirely convincingly.

"It regrets that documents relating to one such hypothetical possibility should have been subject to unauthorized publicity."

No, Guinness is not planning a hostile bid for GrandMet, the statement huffily claimed. No, it does not plan to derange, hive off, sell or otherwise dispose of its trademark brewing interests.

Maybe not. But City interests will hope that something is up. Many fund managers are stuck with shares in both top-twenty companies and have seen them stagnate in money terms and sag badly against stock market indices since 1992. One analyst put this down to "extrapolation of historic zero growth-declining profit trends". Collapse of stout party?

Over the long haul, spirits have been a wonderful international growth business for those with marketing skill and financial acumen. The £2.3 billion acquisition of Distillers engulfed Ernest Saunders.



Graham Seale-Saint

its author, but was the making of the modern Guinness. As marketing and commercial arrangements improved, profits bubbled ahead, making Guinness a market favourite during the UK recession.

International Distillers & Vintners, still the guts of Grand Metropolitan, is a gem, originally put together from the old Gilbey family gin business, built up through J&B Rare whisky and guided in early days by a different sort of merchant banker. It seems to bless those who buy it with the dust of creative marketing, in turn keeping Watney Mann and their GrandMet going through bad times.

Low world economic growth, low inflation, dollar weakness and global competition for an attractive market are making things tough at the moment for the big spirits firms. But that is not the entire problem. Guinness has made some poor foreign beer acquisitions and GrandMet devoted most of its efforts, under Lord Sheppard of Diddigemore, to a huge metamorphosis from one unappreciated assortment of interests to another.

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Carl Mortishaw examines the community problems that oil companies face in Nigeria

No longer in glorious isolation

In a village deep in the mangrove swamps of the Niger Delta, the people of Omadino gathered in their community hall last week to meet prestigious visitors. Welcoming gifts of Coca-Cola and Nigerian beer were carefully arranged on a table, and the village elders, dressed in traditional robes and feathered bowlers hats, seated themselves in a row at the head of the room. Women respectively lined up on the left-hand side of the spartan building, windowless but open to the air, while the younger, more boisterous men occupied the benches to the right.

The formal welcoming party might have been little different had the guest been the district commissioner of a century ago. No road links Omadino to the outside world and the villagers still eke out a living fishing from dugout canoes in the creeks of the swamp. But, unlike their colonial predecessors, last week's guests from the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria (SPDC) drew little pleasure from their role as local bosses and benefactors.

Looking hot and uncomfortable in oil rig overalls, Steve Ollerearnshaw, Shell's general manager for the Western Division, and his colleagues listened to a stinging rebuke of the oil company, delivered with great formality and eloquence by Napoleon Agbedetse, an



Shell has become the target of a multitude of grievances and its production facilities have been the object of protests

spread over the 70,000 square kilometres of the oil-producing region, it is barely noticeable unless you are in the immediate vicinity of a flow-station. The Niger Delta is suffering severe environmental damage, but the problem has more to do with people than oil rigs. The effect is most noticeable in Ogoni, the area abandoned by Shell in 1993 after attacks on staff, where the need for agricultural land by small farmers is causing deforestation. Population pressure has led to communities springing up around once remote oil installations — in the past farmers would sometimes use the heat from burning gas to dry cassava by laying the crop on sand banks that surround the flare.

The explosive growth of the population has placed the oil industry in an environment previously unknown to it. Batom Mitee is a representative of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP) and brother of Ledom Mitee, the Ogoni leader who was convicted in the court that acquitted and ordered the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the activist who was executed by the Nigerian Government last year. Mr Mitee said that the Ogoni region has the highest population density in the Delta.

Farmers are struggling for land space with oil exploration," he said, and confirmed that Shell has become the target of a multitude of grievances. "They do not see the Government, they see Shell. They want Shell to come some generations to come."

Belatedly, Shell is showing concern by bumping up the amount it spends on community projects, such as school blocks, health clinics and youth training schemes. Its community assistance budget has been increased by 50 per cent this year to £30 million, but the company knows that it cannot fill the gap caused by the absentee Government in Lagos. More worrying is the imminent prospect of a funding crisis. Shell's partner, NNPC, the state oil company which owns 55 per cent of the SPDC joint venture, is strapped for cash and has imposed a 30 per cent reduction in SPDC's budget, raising

words. As the Shell delegation prepared to leave, a younger man shouted and pointed to the crumbling mud walls of the houses: "Look at the buildings. This is a community that produces 20,000 barrels per day for Shell. What happened to the Government?"

Things are happening. Only the previous week, Shell's Searex-6 oil rig located nearby was invaded by 60 people from another community armed with machetes. The rig was closed down for 50 hours while the contractor negotiated, eventually agreeing to build a town hall for them and employ eight people. The two-day shutdown alone cost the contractor some \$60,000.

Unfortunately for Shell, the distinction is academic to the young people of the Delta. About half of the population is under 20 years of age. Faced with no hope of a job, young Nigerian men are also losing respect for traditional leaders, the tribal chiefs. The problem is acute in Ogoni and hampering efforts by Shell to secure a consensus between MOSOP and moderate Ogonis over the conditions under which it might resume operations in Ogoni Land. Ogoni chiefs, such as Ignatius Kogbara, blame MOSOP and its youth organisation for causing the violence that led to the murders of moderate Ogoni leaders.

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Whether Shell and other oil companies have thought out the full political implications is unclear. Shell's business principles clearly state that the company will not involve itself in local politics, but in its increasing willingness to fill the gap left by government, it is potentially taking on a role of limitless proportions and huge political risks with a youthful and agitated population.

Egbert Imohom, general manager for Shell's Eastern Division, which includes Ogoni, said the young people wanted recognition, but he pointed out that dialogue may not be enough. "The youth has been sitting in the village and he is looking for a job. We can talk to him until the cows come home, but he is still looking for a job."

Precious Ormu, the Shell executive in charge of community relations in the Eastern Division, was initially unenthusiastic about taking on the job and leaving the field of exploration, the glamour side of the oil business. However, he said: "If we do not get the community relations right, there will be no more exploration."

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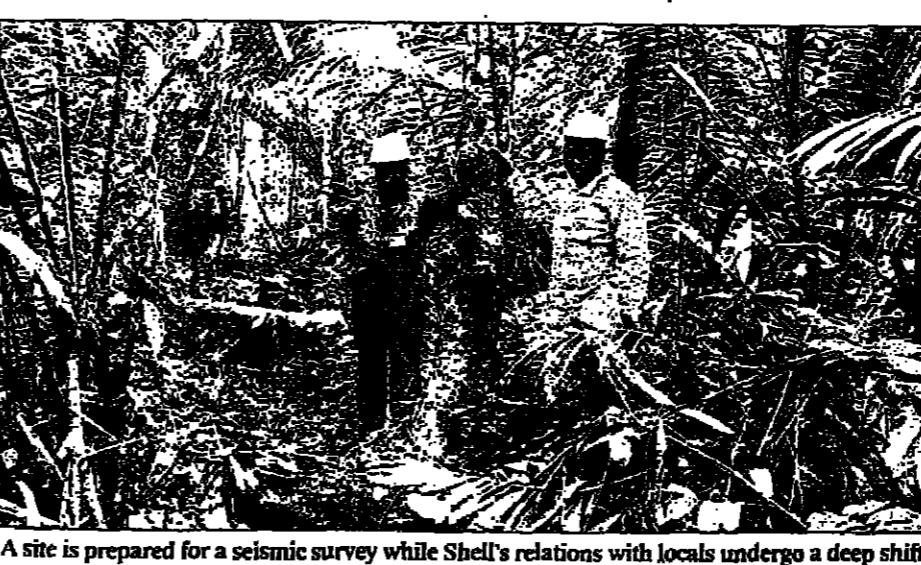
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A site is prepared for a seismic survey while Shell's relations with locals undergo a deep shift

tional image of bids and deals that have some genuine business purpose, albeit most often the unspoken one of eliminating competition. Beyond the usual opportunity to destroy as many people's livelihoods as possible, this is little more than sleight of hand.

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RADIO CHOICE

The day it all happened

On This Day. Radio 4 (LW). 10.15 am

Evidently, what's good enough for *The Times* is good enough for the BBC. For its new series beginning today, Radio 4 adopts the title this newspaper long ago affixed to its daily reminder of what happened years ago. The BBC's *On This Day* kicks off with July 8 1946. Stern stuff, mostly: Professor Joad's tirade against America's atomic bomb tests ("put the scientists in a bag, tie em up and keep them there"); 5,000 Jews in a London protest march against the Government's policy on emigration to Palestine. Light relief, too: how to knit a pair of knickers. No mention, though, of Oxford undergrad Margaret Roberts taking her first steps on the road to 10 Downing Street.

Everybody Comes to Schickgruber's. Radio 4. 7.45 pm

In Marty Kahan's delirious comedy, nothing can be ruled out as improbable, not even the thought of Hitler stopping the Second World War so that he could negotiate with the French Resistance for the release of his half-brother, an apfelstrudel fanatic. There is another kind of obsession in the play, no less mad than that of Edward Schickgruber, whose pastiche was the stuff of legend in 1930s Vienna. A milder film-maker (the ensemble and versatile Kerry Shale) is besotted with the idea of making a documentary about the strudel genius. The fact that apfelstrudel is the only noteworthy thing about Edward Schickgruber (*Clive Swift*) is lost on him. Hildegard Peter Davalos

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 6.30am Mark Radcliffe, incl. Newsbeat. 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa Lambrinidis. 2.00pm Nick Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, incl. Newsbeat. 7.00 Evening Session. 8.00 John Peel's Radio 1 Sessions 9.00 10.00 Mark Lamar 12.00 Claire Sturges 4.00am Celia Warren

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00 Sarah Kennedy 7.00 Wake Up to Wogan 8.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.00 John Dunn 7.00 Steve Wright at the Movies 7.30 Radio 2 Young Musician 9.30 Live from the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London 10.00 Be Bop 12.00 Michael Lyttle 1.00 10.00 The Jameson 12.00 5pm Adrian Fitchett 3.00 Steve MacKenzie

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Report, incl. 5.45 We're Up to Morn 5.50 The Breakfast Programme incl. 6.55, 7.55 racing preview 8.35 The Magazine, with Diana Mabb, incl. 10.35 News from Europe 11.30 Food News 12.00 Midday with Mai, incl. 12.35pm Moneycheck, with Katie Derham 2.05 Rusco on Five incl. 3.45 Entertainment 3.50 John Inverdale 4.00 News 5.00 Extra incl. 7.20 Sports Bulletin 7.25 Grand Prix Diary 8.05 Parkinson on Sport 9.05 Sportstrack 9.35 On the Job 10.05 News Talk, with Mike Baker 11.00 Night Extra 12.05 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross 10.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anna Reuben 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Dealy 7.00 Sports Zone 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 10.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.00 Paul Coyle (FM) Robbie Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forster 2.00 Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in D, Op 11 No 1); Brahms (Quintet in E flat for piano and wind); Alan Bren (Reb Izh's night); Svendsen (Romeo and Juliet Fantasy); Torke (Bright Blue Music); Delius (Vocalise Concerto).

9.00 Morning Collection with David Mellor. Includes Carpenter (Te Deum); Saint-Saens (Romance in C, Op 48); Puccini (Se come voi piccina to lassi, from La Villa Act 1); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in G, Op 31 No 1).

10.00 Morning Encounter, with Chris West. Includes Arturo (Capriccio brillant in B minor), (Piano Concerto in C, K449), (Violin Concerto in C minor on the 9th Part).

7.30 Cheltenham Festival 1996. Tasmin Little, violin, the BBC Philharmonic under Vassily Sinaisky, Lindberg (Arena); Stéphane (Violin Concerto); Stéphane (Symphony No 1 in D minor).

9.30 Art and the Human Condition. Martin Kemp talks to artists about how the human figure and human experiences are portrayed through art. His first guest is painter Marlene Dumas (11.00).

10.00 Ensemble. Benjamin Frith, piano (Clementi (Sonata in F sharp minor, Op 25 No 5), Weber (Scherzo in A flat, Op 85), (Sonata in A flat, Op 34)).

10.45 Midday It, with Mark Russell 11.30 The Monks of the Week: Francis Bernard (7.15).

12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only). 8.30 News 9.30 Weather

9.00 Test Match Special (LW only)

9.25 Six O'Clock News (FM only)

10.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (FM only). The Lab in the Kitchen with guests (11.00).

1.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (7.15).

7.45 The Saturday Show to Schickgruber's, See Choice (7.15).

9.15 Quintess

True stories, honest portraits, absent reality

I hesitate to condone the telly-watching habits of *Men Behaving Badly*, but sometimes it comes uncomfortably close to life. Anyone who saw last Thursday's edition, you see, may have had an uncomfortable feeling of *déjà vu* during last night's *Screen On: Killing Me Softly* (BBC1). This was the controversial Sara Thornton docudrama, starring the beautiful Maggie O'Neill, which caused the *Daily Mail* last week to cry out in anticipation: "Why can't TV tell the truth about this sick husband?"

Let's imagine ourselves back on the sofa at Gary and Tony's, with them watching *Killing Me Softly*. As the Thornton saga unfolds, and Malcolm starts hitting Sara when drunk, the girls swap sensitive remarks: "She ought to leave him," says Dorothy. "But she can't," says Debs. "No," they nod, together. Meanwhile the men look restless until suddenly Gary pipes up.

"The top's coming off!" he cries. "It's coming off!" echoes Tony. Together, they lean forward in their chairs. "Come on, come on, come on," they chorus, until finally, "It's OFF."

Personally, I got quite involved in *Killing Me Softly*. It worked better as drama than I expected. Peter Howitt, as Malcolm Thornton, gave a brilliantly real performance — in no way the two-dimensional monster his relatives were said to have anticipated. His haircut was good, too. All round, the acting was fine (the child, Tilly Gerrard, was terrific), and the script made sense of a doomed relationship based on lust. In recent television history, I would hazard that the words "Now they smog a lot" have never appeared so often in a screenplay's stage directions.

But the occasional bouts of nudity — so glaringly gratuitous — pointed to the usual stretching of

seams which always accompanies docudrama and explains why it's a bastard form better left alone. With docudrama, two types of reality fight it out, and neither wins.

Just as the dramatist has established Maggie O'Neill's lost-fawn depiction of Sara, a scene is required by the facts of the case — in which she drops her dress to the floor during a late-night chat with a friend; or goes to the kitchen, finds a knife, and sticks it in her husband. And then the viewer is supposed to say "Oh yes, the real Sara Thornton did that, didn't she?" as if it automatically makes sense.

The annoying thing about

docudrama is this: when it's good, it's worse. It plants a version of events in your head — and demands that you trust it without question. And when the drama works well, there

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is even more reason to complain. A dramatic account of this case was entirely uncalled for — especially after the reticent, which made any "public interest" defence fall down — and is even counter-productive.

Understanding such a problematical personality as Sara Thornton's requires the imagination to be free of any trite stereotype of the battered wife, but now that freedom is lost. Hers is a very singular

case which makes her a flawed figurehead for the provocation plea; mixing her up with Maggie O'Neill dancing with her top off makes matters much worse.

For anyone reeling from the confusion of reality and fantasy last night on BBC1, it was a bad idea to turn to Elton John — *Tantrums and Tiaras* (ITV), which was bound to induce vertigo in the steadies of viewers. *Tantrums and Tiaras* was the infamous home video filmed by Elton John's partner David Furnish — in which the true Elton was to be revealed, with unlovely pouts, screams, and satin overloads.

To be honest, it is indeed rather tiresome — not to say narcissistic and predictable. In fact, it was a very clever film, answering questions about the life of a mega-rich, mega-famous person that you would never think of asking. Every sequence that involved a wardrobe of any sort (oh my God) made the

jaw drop so low it was picking up cat-hair from the carpet.

Furnish showed Elton writing an hour in a studio (he devotes it to the tune; if it doesn't come, he gives up). A world tour took in two million people, and hundreds of concerts. Back at home, he sat with his Mum on a sofa and she cried when she remembered his old drug habits. The clever thing was that Furnish wasn't showing off about the lifestyle he now enjoyed; he could still see how it would appear to normal people with nothing to do with showbiz. While it is no surprise that Elton John is career-minded, it is still a shock to see how a career can drive the life out of a person without him noticing. "What if your songs stopped selling?" asked Furnish at one point. "They won't," said Elton emphatically. "It doesn't work like that." And sadly, he's right.

The intimate moments contained a fair amount of camping around ("Bona! Bona! Mwah! Mwah"), but these only served as better foils for the quiet bits. Elton was either frantically overloaded, or bored and restless. His great good sense had been to surround himself with down-to-earth people who didn't flatter him all the time — it was clearly his salvation. But was his life worth having? You couldn't help but wonder, especially when — in a perfectly placed scene — he visited his old Nan, well looked-after in a nice house with flowers delivered every week. She was clearly devoted to him, but much as he loved her in return, it was tragically clear he could give her everything except time. "Did you get my card from Japan?" he asked. "Ooh yes, lovely," she said. Now he was off to the Oscars, hoping to collect an award, and she was right behind him. "I hope you get half a dozen," she said.

6.00am Business Breakfast (89514)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (10885)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (3602514)

9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (i) (6902427)

9.50 Wildlife on One. A look at the solitary, nocturnal life of the North American raccoon (i) (Ceefax) (s) (7479040)

10.20 My Favourite Nosh. Chef Anton Mosimann cooks for actor Lionel Jeffries (6878137)

10.50 News (Ceefax) and weather (328798)

10.55 Cricket — Third Test: England v India. Live coverage from Trent Bridge (7442311)

12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (2683427)

12.05pm Going for Gold (s) (7513427)

12.30 For the Love of It (s) (3649576)

12.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (9167683)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (13972)

1.30 Regional News and weather (86130021)

1.35 Cricket — Third Test: England v India. Live from Trent Bridge (9490208)

5.35 Neighbours (i) (Ceefax) (s) (523040)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) (s)

6.30 Regional News magazines (175)

7.00 That's Showbusiness. Mike Smith hosts the last in this series of the showbiz trivia gameshow. Tonight's guests are Bob Downe, Sarah Vandenberg, Edna Doré and Ainsley Harriot (Ceefax) (s) (9663)

7.30 Watchdog: Value for Money. Vanessa Feltz presents a guide to successful shopping. Including how to shop like a Princess without a big bank balance. Ainsley Harriott checks out the best take-away pizzas and Chris Choi reveals how most mobile phone users are paying too much for their calls (Ceefax) (s) (356)

8.00 EastEnders. Grant is in no mood to celebrate his birthday and Peggy has something on her mind concerning Mark (Ceefax) (s) (9311)

8.30 Oh Doctor Beelching! Steam-powered railway sit-com. An escaped turkey causes Hatley's new stationmaster no end of trouble, wandering on the line. With Paul Stane, Su Pollard and Jeffrey Holland (Ceefax) (s) (7446)

9.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (8156)

9.30 Panorama. In-depth investigations (Ceefax) (802595)

10.10 Bad Boys. Comedy drama series about a Cockney wide-boy stranded in Glasgow's gangland. Mulheren expels Fraser from the brotherhood of Glasgow's gangsters and initiates a member of the Russian Mafia instead. But Fraser refuses to take this lying down and gets Wayne to sort it out. With Karl Howman (Ceefax) (s) (915427)

11.00 FILM: *Cagney and Lacey: The Return* (1994). Tyne Daly and Sharon Gless as television's favourite female cops brought together again in a search for a cache of missing firearms. Directed by James Frawley (56446)

12.30am International Athletics. Highlights from Stockholm (49373)

1.00 Weather (1061354)

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6.00am Open University: The Birth of Calculus (8265427) 6.25 Questions of National Identity (5243953)

7.15 See Hear: Breakfast News (4439562)

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6.15 International Athletics. Helen Rollason and Brendan Foster introduce coverage of tonight's Grand Prix meeting in Stockholm (3636779)

7.30 Don't Mention the War. Journalist Jürgen Kroling, from *Die Zeit*, discovers why it has become fashionable to be anti-German in Britain. They journeys through Britain and gets the opinions of football fans, farmers, reporters and politicians about the apparent war that has resumed between the two nations (s) (801)

7.30 Clash of the Titans: Coe v Ovett (BBC2, 9.45pm)

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9.00 The X Files. E.B.E. Mulder and Scully investigate a UFO sighting in Tennessee but their witness changes his story (i) (Ceefax) (s) (314953)

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CBI survey sees surge in optimism

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

OPTIMISM in the financial sector is growing sharply on the back of the strongest increase in business volumes since the 1980s, new figures from the Confederation of British Industry show today.

The findings of the CBI's latest survey of the financial services sector — especially on the growth of mortgage business by building societies — indicate the return of the long-sought "feel-good" factor, and confirm that the housing market is starting to improve.

Ministers and business leaders hope that today's CBI figures will preface a series of positive official statistics, starting with new figures on factory-level production and

industrial prices today, and retail prices later in the week. Next week ministers hope there will be a further fall in unemployment, and helpful figures on company profitability and public borrowing.

The CBI's quarterly survey, carried out with chartered accountants Coopers & Lybrand, show business optimism in financial services is now increasing at the fastest rate since March 1993. A net balance of half the 267 financial services firms studied declared themselves optimistic about their overall business position, a significant increase on the 33 per cent balance in March and the balance of only 4 per cent last December.

Business volumes with all categories of customer rose over the past three months, the survey shows, though the increase with overseas customers was only marginal. However, it is the sharp rise in business with private individuals that is likely to be seen as the most significant indicator for the return of the "feel-good" factor, supporting the idea of a recovery in the housing market.

The volume of business transacted with private individuals grew for a net balance of 60 per cent of the companies surveyed — up from 4 per cent in the last quarter. Financial services firms expect the increase to be sustained over the next three months.

Business volumes with financial institutions also grew more strongly than expected, with a net 22 per cent reporting a rise, compared with a forecast of only 1 per cent. But business with industrial and commercial companies remained broadly level, suggesting investment by industry is not yet increasing.

Sudhir Junankar, CBI associate director of economic analysis, says today: "Overall business volumes rose markedly over the past three months... but companies expect business growth to moderate over the coming three months in line with the pace of expansion seen late last year."

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Inflation keeps Clarke buoyant

By OLIVER AUGUST

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, will tomorrow deliver an upbeat assessment of the economy despite being forced to admit that his 3 per cent growth forecast for this year will not be achieved.

In the Treasury's Summer Economic Forecast, Mr Clarke is expected to downgrade his Budget growth prediction to about 2.5 per cent after a sluggish performance in the first half of this year. He will also revise upwards his estimate of public borrowing from £22.5 billion to about £28 billion, underlining the difficulty of justifying significant tax cuts.

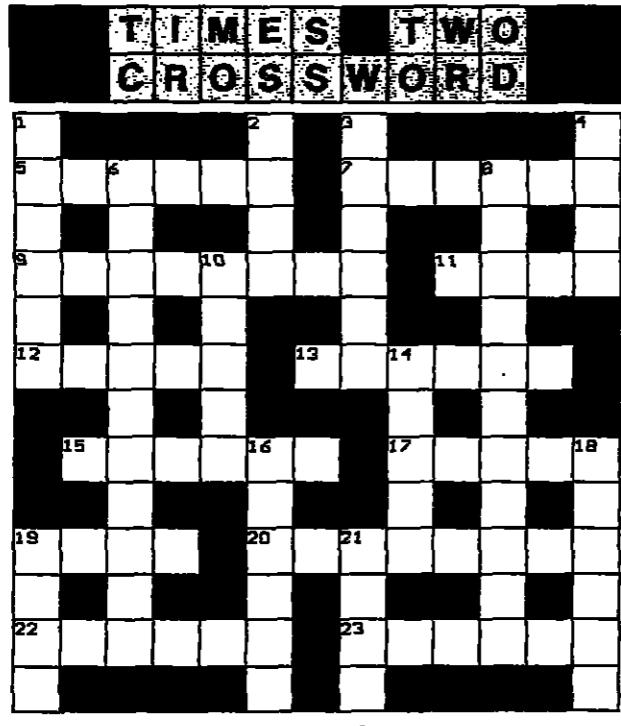
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GUINNESS will make a Stock Exchange statement today after reports that it is considering a £13 billion bid for Grand Metropolitan, the rival drinks group. The company will rule out a hostile bid for GrandMet and reject suggestions that it will derange its brewing and spirits operations.

Guinness was forced to clarify its position after details of a leaked report by Lazard, the

company's main advisers, were published at the weekend. The Lazard plan involved Guinness raising £10 billion in cash to fund a takeover of GrandMet, recouping the costs through the sale of GrandMet's food interests, which include Burger King and Pillsbury.

A successful takeover would hand Guinness brands including Smirnoff vodka, Malibu,

and Bailey's to add to its existing portfolio, which includes Johnnie Walker, Bell's and Gordon's Gin.

Guinness's statement is unlikely to end City speculation about the company's strategy to revive its flagging performance.

Bernard Arnault, a Guiness director and head of LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton, which owns 20 per cent of Guinness, has publicly called for it to take action and is believed to favour a demerger.

GrandMet is also likely to come under the spotlight again, although the company has insisted it has no immediate plans to make disposals.

There have been rumours that it is prepared to sell Burger King.

Gerald Corbett, finance director of GrandMet, said: "We do not want to appear complacent, but we feel the company is in good shape and is on course for its best year ever."

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GUINNESS	GRANDMET
JOHNNIE WALKER BELL'S WHISKY	SMIRNOFF STOLICHNAYA BAILEY'S GORDON'S GIN
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Today: the German conspirators. Tomorrow: how the British betrayed them



Hitler and the Stauffenberg solution

In the first of two extracts from his controversial new book *Plotting Hitler's Death*, leading historian Joachim Fest tells the true story of the bungled plot to assassinate the Nazi dictator

After several unsuccessful attempts to overthrow the Nazi regime, the conspirators' sole remaining ambition by July 20, 1944, was to save as much of Germany's "substance" as possible from the impending catastrophe. Recent evidence suggests how well-founded their motives were: one study shows that while slightly more than 2.8 million German soldiers and civilians died between the beginning of the war on September 1, 1939, and the attempt to assassinate Hitler on July 20, 1944, 4.8 million died during the nine-and-a-half months before the war ended in early May 1945.

The destruction wreaked in the last nine months of the air war far exceeded that of the previous 59 months, not to mention the countless casualties in other countries or the victims of Hitler's extermination policy, which continued to the very end.

One of the factors inhibiting appreciation of the German resistance has been the cacophony of voices in which it found expression. Opponents of the regime were motivated not only by a simple concern for human rights but also by Christian, socialist, conservative and even reactionary beliefs. There is much truth to the claim that the German resistance to the Third Reich never existed in the sense of a unified group sharing common ideals.

Of all the various resistance groups, only three succeeded in developing a strategy that posed a genuine threat to the regime. These were the conservative circle around Carl Goerdeler, a former Mayor of Leipzig, and Ludwig Beck, a retired army chief of staff; the Kreisau Circle, led by Count Helmuth von Moltke and dominated by a Christian and socialist philosophy; and the regime's opponents within the military.

It was this last branch of the resistance whose motives were the clearest and whose efforts came closest to succeeding. And it was this branch that ultimately found expression in one symbolic act — for that is what the events of July 20, 1944, represented.

What was lacking above all was the actual assassin. Around August 10, 1943, however, General Tresckow [one of the leaders of the military resistance] had been introduced to a young lieutenant-colonel. The young man had been badly wounded in an air attack on the North African front in April. He had lost his right hand as well as the third and fourth fingers of his left, and he wore a black patch over his left eye. After a lengthy stay in hospital, he had asked the surgeon, Ferdinand Sauerbruch, how much longer he would need to recuperate. On hearing that two more operations and many months of convalescence would be necessary, he shook his head, saying he didn't have that much time — important things needed to be done. While still in the hospital, he explained to his uncle and close confidant Nikolaus von Uexküll, "Since the generals have failed to do anything, it's now time for the colonels." His name was Count Klaus Schenk von Stauffenberg.

Stauffenberg seemed to send an electric charge through the lifeless resistance networks as he quickly and naturally assumed a leadership role. He was familiar with all the complex religious, historical



Stauffenberg (far left) with Hitler (centre) at the "Wolf's Lair" HQ, July 15, 1944. Five days later the Führer's trusted officer planted the bomb intended to kill him

and social reasons why nothing had been done, but he had not lost sight of the far more basic truth that there are limits to loyalty and duty. He dismissed the foreign policy concerns of almost all the other members of the resistance, simply assuming that a German government that had overthrown the Nazis would be able to negotiate a peace treaty, despite the Casablanca declaration [in which the Allies demanded unconditional surrender]. Most important, he was determined to act.

Stauffenberg was a scion of the Swabian nobility. Like many other young officers, he had welcomed Hitler's nomination as Chancellor in 1933 and had agreed, in theory at least, with some of the Nazi platform, especially unification with Austria and hostility to the Treaty of Versailles. [By 1938], however, he had already begun to have serious doubts about the Nazis. "That fool is headed for war," he said. But when war was finally declared, he threw himself into his chosen profession like a devoted soldier.

Stauffenberg proved to be a brilliant staff officer and was promoted to the army high command in June 1940. At first his critical view of the regime was spurred by technical, military and nationalistic concerns. Gradually, though, moral issues came more and more to the fore, and in the end all these considerations played their part in a decision best

summarised by his laconic answer to a question asked of him in 1942, about how to change Hitler's style of leadership: "Kill him."

On July 1, 1944, Stauffenberg was promoted to the rank of colonel and simultaneously assumed his new duties as chief of staff to the commander of the reserve army. General Fromm had always been a vigilant, cautious, opportunistic man, whose suspicions that Stauffenberg was plotting a coup had long since hardened into certainty. It seems all the more curious, therefore, that he went to such lengths to have him appointed to his staff. Fromm may simply have wanted Stauffenberg, who had written a report that drew extremely laudatory reviews from Hitler, to escape the disfavour into which he had himself fallen. Finally a general staff officer with imagination and intelligence! Hitler is said to have remarked. Of crucial importance to Stauffenberg was the fact that the new position gave him the access to Hitler that the conspirators had long sought.

On July 20, 1944, Stauffenberg flew into the Rastenburg airfield [at Hitler's East Prussian HQ, the "Wolf's Lair"] shortly after 10am, with his co-conspirators Werner von Haeften and Helmuth Stieff. He immediately for the officers' mess in Restricted Area II, carrying in his briefcase only the papers he needed for the reports he was expected to give. Haeften, meanwhile, carried the two bombs in his briefcase and accompanied Stieff to OKH [army high command] headquarters. The plans called for Haeften and Stauffenberg to meet shortly before the briefing in the Wolf's Lair to exchange briefcases.

At around 11 o'clock Stauffenberg was summoned by the chief of army staff, General Walther Buhle, and after a short meeting they proceeded together to a conference with General Keitel in the OKW [Wehrmacht high

command] bunker in Restricted Area I. Here Stauffenberg learnt that on account of a visit by Mussolini, what was to have been a noon briefing with Hitler had been put back half an hour to 12.30pm. Immediately after the conference with Keitel, Stauffenberg asked the general's aide, Major Ernst John von Freyend, to show him to a room where he could wash up and change his shirt. July 20 was a hot day.

As Keitel and the other officers headed toward the briefing barracks, Stauffenberg and Haeften, who met in the corridor, withdrew into the lounge in Keitel's bunker, where Stauffenberg set about installing and arming a fuse in the first bomb. He had barely begun, however, when a telephone call came from General Felgriebel, another conspirator, who asked to speak with Stauffenberg on urgent business. Freyend sent Platoon Sergeant Werner Vogel back to the bunker to urge Stauffenberg to hurry.

As Vogel entered the lounge, he saw the two officers stowing something into one of the briefcases. He informed them of the call, adding that the others were waiting for them outside.

Meanwhile Freyend shouted at the entrance, "Stauffenberg, please come along!" With Vogel standing in the doorway, Stauffenberg closed the briefcase as swiftly as possible while Haeften swept up the papers that were lying around and stuffed them into the other briefcase.

Felgriebel's telephone call and the intrusion of Platoon Sergeant Vogel may well have determined the course of history, for it is likely that they prevented Stauffenberg from arming the fuse on the second package of explosives. No one knows why Stauffenberg did not place the second bomb in his briefcase alongside the one whose timer had already been activated, since the explosion of one would surely have set off the other as well. Stauffenberg was certainly nervous and Vogel's sudden eruption into the room must have given him a fright, but the most probable explanation for his bringing only the one bomb is that he was not fully aware of how such explosives work. Believing that a single bomb would suffice, he probably did not adequately consider the cumulative effect of two bombs. What is clear, according to all experts, is that inclusion of the second charge would have magnified the power of the blast not twofold but many times, killing everyone in the room outright.

Together with General Buhle and Major Freyend, Stauffenberg hurried out of the OKW bunker, briefcase in hand. They crossed the 350 yards to the wooden

barracks, which lay behind a high wire fence in the innermost security zone. After declining for the second time Freyend's offer to carry his briefcase, Stauffenberg finally turned it over to him at the entrance to the barracks, asking to be seated as close as possible to the Führer so that he could "catch everything".

In the conference room the briefing was already under way, with General Adolf Heusinger reporting on the eastern front. Keitel announced that Stauffenberg would be giving a report, and Hitler shook the colonel's hand "wordlessly but with his usual scrutinising look". Freyend placed the briefcase near Heusinger and his assistant, Colonel Brandt, who were both standing to Hitler's right. Despite his efforts to edge closer to Hitler, Stauffenberg could only find a place at the corner of the table. His briefcase remained on the far side of the massive table leg, where Freyend had placed it. Shortly thereafter Stauffenberg left the room, whispering something indistinctly as if he had an important task to attend.

Once outside the barracks he returned the way he had come, turning off before Keitel's bunker and heading toward the Wehrmacht adjutant building to find out where Haeften was with the car. In the signals officer's room, he found not only Haeften but Felgriebel as well. Meanwhile, back in the briefing room, Hitler was already asking for the colonel and General Buhle set out to look for him. It was just after 12.40pm.

Suddenly, as witnesses later recounted, a deafening crack shattered the midday quiet and a bluish-yellow flame rocketed skyward. Stauffenberg gave a violent start and, when Felgriebel asked weakly what the noise could be, simply shook his head. Meanwhile a dark plume of smoke rose and hung in the air over the wreckage of the briefing barracks. Shards of glass, wood and fibre board swirled about, and scorched pieces of paper and insulation rained down. The quiet that followed was broken by the sound of voices calling for doctors. Stauffenberg and Haeften climbed into the waiting car and ordered the driver to take them to the airfield. As they did so, a body covered by Hitler's cloak was carried from the barracks on a stretcher. That was probably what led them to conclude that the Führer was dead.

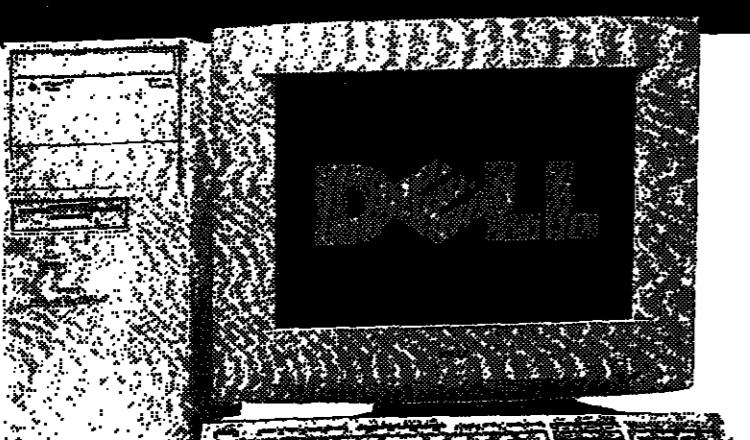
When the bomb exploded, 24 people were in the conference room. All were hurled to the ground, some with their hair in flames. Window mullions and sashes flew through the room. Hitler had just leaned over the table to examine a position that Heusinger was pointing out on the map when his chair was torn from under him. His clothing, like that of all the others, was shredded: his trousers hung in ribbons down his legs. The great oak table had collapsed, its top blown to pieces. The first sound to be heard amid the smoke and devastation was Keitel's voice, pleading "Where's the Führer?"

As Hitler stumbled to his feet, Keitel flew to him, taking him in his arms and crying, "My Führer, you're alive, you're alive!"



Stauffenberg pictured with his three children in 1940

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As Archers fans prepare to board a special cruise, Libby Purves tells of her love-hate



The Archers, 1950s-style: Grace Fairbrother (played by Ysanne Churchman), left, and Phil Archer (Norman Painting); centre: Christine Archer (Pamela Mant) and Grace; and Peggy Archer (Thelma Rogers), Mrs Perkins (Pauline Seville) and Jack Archer (Denis Folwell)

Somebody had to hit Shula

Even on holiday, I know with a horrible certainty that my hand will grope for the radio at five past seven. Even in mainland Europe, the habit does not fade, thanks to long-wave. Or if it does, it is only because of *Test Match Special*. We shall rage at them: "Get off! Never mind ball-by-ball commentary: we want to know whether Simon's going to hit Shula again!"

We do not care about silly mid-offs, for we have much sillier skills to exercise like diagnosing an ectopic pregnancy from ten words of dialogue, or deconstructing the 18 regional accents that make up the speech of Jolene Rogers, Ambridge's answer to Dolly Parton.

What do we see in this ever more absurd radio soap, we shamefaced addicts? Our husbands and wives do not understand, our children yawn and grumble, our flatmates slam out in

A SHAMEFACED CONFESSION

disgust. Still we demand our 15-minute fix, using the surreal banality of Ambridge to cushion us between the working day and the evening.

Sometimes, nothing happens in that quarter-hour. On other days it is filled with the tedious bellyaching of the womenfolk (some of us were thrilled when Simon hit Shula; somebody had to). On special days they oblige us with melodrama: a squeal of brakes and a shriek of "Caroline! No-o-o-o!", or the final gurgle of Mr Pemberton, who must have seen it coming, since the scriptwriters rashly made him just too damn nice to live. Sometimes leaders comedy stumps across the stage, with some amusing (and, of course, working-class) character being a lovable rogue. Sometimes it is an

issue. The producers clearly send one another e-mails full of these Big Issues: *Woman-priest controversy*, *progressed, OK—obviously, she wins in the end* — bankruptcy, none for 20 years, what about Robert Snell? Poss.

for Lynda to lose car, take up cycling, comic relief — NB, green message here ... good! — Worried about widowhood theme — not sure we made all the points about the grieving process with Shula, perhaps we could widow Caroline and they could discuss it all over again —



Norman Painting and Patricia Greene

Kate and drugs?? anorexia? Not aids, anyway ...

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campish cult: many members of the *Archers* Addicts fan club have that attitude as do certain cast members. The actor playing Mark Hebdon broke ranks after his "car accident", observing: "My character was very boring, and deserved to die." Even as his stricken and IVF-pregnant wife was emoting nightly over his loss.

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going on and on about grim modernity from a young working-class mother thrown into jail to a middle-class happy daughter who puts marijuana in her parents' dinner and then overdoses.

Anyone wanting the rural idyll might have to hang about for several episodes before scoring a token reference to the cow-parsley on Lakey Hill.

So never mind why. We listen because it is there, because we know the characters because it is short. It is garden-fence gossip, formless and pointless and never-ending, but without the point of involving real people. We are free to wish the lot of them: whining Susan, poseuse Jennifer, smug Lizzie, Brian the right-wing cad, thick Sid.

Yes, maybe that's it: we listen because we hate them so much.

LIBBY PURVES

Sailing into a lifelong fantasy

Barbara Smith, 75, from Oxfordshire:

The *Archers* has a sense of place and time. It is rooted in a recognisable community. Although I have been unsettled by some of the more modish storylines that have crept in during recent years, there is still something charming about the show. I hope it never changes to the extent that older listeners are alienated.

The highlight of the cruise promises to be the black-and-white ball, for which I have bought a special outfit. I can't wait. I have been on cruises before but this one is different because my granddaughter, Pippa, is coming with me — even though she knows nothing about *The Archers*.

We will be sharing a twin-bed cabin and the overall cost is £4,000. That the stars of the show will also be on board swayed my decision to go, but meeting the cast is not my top priority.

Pippa Franklin, 18, from Long Hanborough in Oxfordshire:

I am very excited about the cruise. My friends have been mocking me for going but I don't care. What most amuses them is that I have never listened to *The Archers*. I nearly died when my grandmother asked me to go with her. I thought she was joking. I said, "Do you really need to ask?" — I am so excited.

I pack some smart clothes for the evening events, one or two black dresses and some more casual clothes for the various ports of call.

I feel a bit guilty about going because my mum is an *Archers* fan and she would have loved to come with me.

Robert Girling, 54, from Selkirk, Scotland:

I've listened to *The Archers* nearly every week since the 1950s. I like the way it covers different generations and they go on developing.

I am going by myself on the cruise and sharing a four-bed cabin. I imagine the shared interest in *The Archers* will be something to talk about, but I think there will be other people there besides *Archers* fans.

The character I would most like to meet is pub landlord Sid Parks, played by Alan Devereux. I'm also looking forward to meeting others who have been on the show from the beginning.

Margery Rowe, 68, from Canterbury:

As a committed follower of *The Archers* since the 1950s and a fan of cruises, this trip provides an ideal opportunity to get closer to the characters who have become almost like friends to me. This is my one big holiday of the year and I have saved hard for it.

I think that in many ways, *The Archers* carries me away

reached the stage where I send a wreath to their funerals.

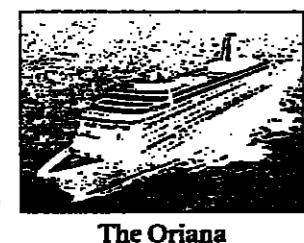
Gill Reynolds, 57, from Matlock, Derbyshire:

I'm a widow and I'm going with my partner, Tony, who's not an *Archers* fan. This is our big holiday for the year.

It's hard to pick out favourite episodes, but I liked the one with Shula and the detestable Simon Pemberton about three or four weeks ago. Joe Grundy will be interesting to see as a normal person, and Linda Snell's going to be on the boat. I hope someone sorts her out ...

I like Shula, but she's so goody-goody. And I like Pat Archer, although she's a bit too feminist. I sometimes feel they've killed off too many people in the series. It's getting like *EastEnders*.

HOW AMBRIDGE TOOK TO THE HIGH SEAS



The Oriana

LAST September a tantalising travel promotion appeared in the *Radio Times* inviting readers to "Join The Archers" on a 13-night cruise aboard P&O's *Oriana*.

The *Oriana* leaves Southampton tomorrow, and among the 1,760 passengers there will be about 300 *Ar*

chers fans. Originally fans were promised six Ambridge residents, but Eddie Grundy and Elizabeth Pargetter have now joined Lynda Snell, Joe Grundy, Mike Tucker and Kathy Perks on board.

Two books about the series will come out in the next few

months. One is written by the programme's current editor, Vanessa Whiburn, and entitled *The Archers: The Inside Story*. The other, *The Archers Story*, is an unauthorised version, by a previous editor, William Smetheurst.

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If we don't believe in God, what possible foundation do we have for civil order?

It has been odd, in recent weeks, to find Nigella Lawson and George Carey almost in one another's embrace. Nigella Lawson has been writing in *The Times* pleading the cause of atheism. She said she was brought up as an atheist and that, for her, atheism is more than a failure to be persuaded of another's creed: it is almost a creed in itself. It becomes a belief system carrying values of its own, values we can live by.

Values that we can live by have been a theme of Dr Carey's recent public statements too. He has been arguing the need for morality in modern Britain, and suggesting in particular that we should rediscover moral objectivism — a confidence that right and wrong are not just a matter of personal opinion, but objective facts.

It does not escape our notice, however, that Dr Carey is the Archbishop of Canterbury. At the head (after the Queen) of the Church of England and the closest an Anglican believer can find to God's representative on Earth, the Archbishop is not a disinterested party in the matter of objective moral systems, for he is here to recommend one, a particular one. You could call it Christian Truth. It starts from the assertion of the existence of a deity, and proceeds to argue that this divine being has ordained a system of morality, the "truth" (or authority) of which springs from its ordination by this God.

The deity remains the essential, the original fact: and what this God has ordained to be our duty becomes our duty not because it will make us happier (though it may), nor because it offers a system of morality conducive to social stability, contentment and civic order (though it may), but because it is the divine will. Were it the case (as some readings, including mine, of Jesus's thought suggest) that this God would have us subvert social stability, murder contentment and wreck civic order, that would not make the morality any less divine or undermine its power to command.

One cannot, therefore, argue backwards from the apparent workability of a divinely ordained system of morality to its truth, its rightness, its authority, or to the existence of the divinity. Tribal religions with their accompanying moral systems may work well, but that does not mean they are true or that their gods exist. Dr Carey and his bishops may have their opinions about the morals we should live by — may be able to describe a system of human obligation which would work very well for Britain — but their authority to describe it can flow only from their claimed acquaintance with the divine will.

We may find that a stable society can be securely founded only on a lie

You may remember we left her in the embrace of George Carey. Nigella Lawson too has argued from the workability of a belief in God. After wasting two years fighting off in all directions, Tory strategists have refocused on a new, and they claim, equally dangerous beast. They are portraying Mr Blair as an importer of continental social democrat ideas. But he has already shifted his position, to the dismay of left-wing intellectuals.

The Conservatives' dilemma is highlighted by *Blair's Gurus*, a new study of the intellectual roots of Blairism, written by David Willetts, the Public Services Minister who is the Tory leadership's resident ideologue and part-time media brief. The pamphlet, which will go to all Tory MPs, is the intellectual arm of the "New Labour, New Danger" campaign so clumsily launched last week.

Mr Willetts has written an elegant and incisive analysis of books by eight academics, politicians and journalists: John Gray, Will Hutton, John Kay, Frank Field, Simon Jenkins, Andrew Marr, Peter Mandelson and David Marquand. The eight do not agree on everything and Simon Jenkins is not even remotely a Blairite. But together they have shaped centre-left beliefs, such as that social cohesion is threatened and insecurity increased by globalisation and flexible labour markets; that British capitalism is short-termist; that control of the public sector has been centralised to an unprecedented extent since 1979; that Britain's constitution needs to be drastically modernised; and that Britain should adopt the continental model of social capitalism.

These views are depicted as somewhat un-British since they reject our distinctive and individualist traditions and prefer continental social

Music all

WHILE Wembley reverberated on Saturday night to the Three Tenors, Westminster danced to a different tune. Betty Boothroyd was reliving her days as a Tiller girl.

Madam Speaker joined hands with Shirley Bassey and Elaine Paige and sang lustily in a farewell tribute to Sir Fergus Montgomery, the retiring Tory MP for Altrincham and Sale.

The music-hall sing-song at a dinner for Sir Fergus also featured



an appearance from the lustily voiced cabaret artiste Barbara Cook, a sucker for sequins. But it was Madam Speaker, in jaunty leg-kicking form, who stole the show when the group burst into a six-hanky performance of *Every Time You Say Goodbye*.

Sir Fergus, fondly regarded as the Member for Broadway and the West End, was reluctant yesterday to discuss the evening, which was attended by some 80 friends. "It was a private party, and that's all there is to say about it. Shirley is an old friend of mine and it was my last party. Numbers were obviously limited." All those thousands who got soaked watching the Three Tenors bid farewell must be scratching their score-sheets with frustration.

Double billed

THEY may have organised the Olympics with aplomb, but the Catalans' reputation for efficiency collapsed last week when architects from across the globe rioted at the World Architecture Congress.

been sold for a conference offering only 2,000 seats. Police lost control of a simmering mob of architects outside the hall. It was only when Sir Norman Foster agreed to address the baying crowd of builders that order was restored.

Think pink

A GLORIOUS dawn beckons tomorrow for the chiffon queen Dame Barbara Cartland will be 95. Plans to celebrate quietly with her sons at home, although she enjoyed a vast birthday cake (with pink icing laid on with a trowel) at a party a few days ago.

Clouding the festivities, however, is the royal divorce. She believes the Princess of Wales has been shabbily treated. "I sent her one of my books for her 35th birthday, and received a thank-you letter by return. But I do wonder if she received anything from the Royal Family."

Celebrations for her 95th will be "pink, pink, pink", she says. "I'm still writing a book a fortnight. I may be dead before next year but I have a lot to do before I die."

The best seat in Paris yesterday at Versace's fashion show was occupied by Lisa Marie Presley, the

young lady who took to the court in a G-string and pinafore brought roars of laughter from the Duke of Kent. Others in the box modestly diverted their interest by rooting around in the royal sweet bag.

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My, my

FRANTIC sucking of boiled sweets took place in the royal box yesterday as Wimbledon's Centre Court witnessed its first streaker. The



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of people working in "the City" depends on how it is defined. Nevertheless, a reasonable view is that the high-value-added, high-income international financial services that distinguish the modern City employ about 300,000 people today, compared to about 175,000 in the early 1970s. It is well-known, even notorious, that City incomes are high by British standards; they are also probably the highest — in a well-defined walk of life — anywhere in Europe.

The annual New Earnings Survey has been tracking incomes in different industries and for different types of worker for 28 years. In 1968, the average gross salary for a full-time non-manual male in Great Britain was £1,648 a year, whereas in the City it was £1,966. Last year, the figure for Great Britain was £23,052, but in the City it had soared to £40,986. It may now be heading towards £45,000 a year. Rudi Muller, who used to be the chief executive of UBS in London, has complained about high salaries and costs in the City. Apparently, if surprisingly, typical banking incomes in Zurich and Geneva are lower. But to suggest that high salaries will undermine the City is rather like criticising the resurgent which is so full no one goes there any more.

Britain is not under-educated and under-skilled. Labour's valid complaint is not the lack of human capital in this country, but the unevenness of its distribution. Many City dealers and Glaxo chemists now earn incomes which are several times above the national average. But has the Labour Party yet learnt that the best way to make incomes more equal is to bring the national average closer to City and Glaxo standards, rather than taxing success and subsidising failure?

The author is managing director of Lombard Street Research.

Our workforce is said to lack education, yet the evidence shows the contrary, writes Tim Congdon

Proving British talent is best

ONE of Britain's great weaknesses in international economic competition is supposed to be the inadequate skills of its labour force. As part of the current debate about Britain's position in the world, this proposition has become very familiar. An example is provided by the World Economic Forum's recent annual rankings of "competitiveness". Overall, Britain had moved up a few places to stand higher than Germany, France and Italy, but is still far behind its neighbours in education and training.

The Labour Party has expressed particular concern. Tony Blair's new manifesto, *New Labour, New Life for Britain*, claims that "we have too little investment in the application of new technologies, education and skills" and adds: "Foreign investors... are concerned about the poor level of our skills and education." The Shadow Chancellor, Gordon Brown, is interested in theories of so-called "endogenous growth", which focus on the role played by increases in "human capital" in raising national output and living standards. He and other Labour politicians argue that Britain invests too little in human capital, as distinct from physical capital such as buildings and equipment.

A doctrine which appeals to both the World Economic Forum, an international gathering of business-minded eminent persons, and Mr Brown, a socialist politician, must surely have some substance. Much is undoubtedly wrong with Britain's education system and its vocational training, as with most countries. But it is really true that we particularly suffer from ill-educated and under-skilled workers? Is this an unsatisfactory aspect uniquely of Britain's economy and society?

If workers in this country were on average less well-educated than elsewhere, Britain ought to have lost

ground most heavily in business activities in which human capital is at a premium. In other words, its share of world production ought to have fallen in industries in which skills, experience and the powers to reason and innovate are most important, and to have been maintained or increased where production depends on brain or the constant repetition of the same task.

But that is not at all the case. Although Britain has lost market share in many industries over the past 30 years, its record is far from one of uniform failure. In some areas it has gained ground against the competition. Contrary to the World Economic Forum/Gordon Brown orthodoxy, these areas of relative strength have usually been knowledge-and-skill-intensive. They have required large inputs of human capital, not major investments in plant, equipment and buildings.

One of the most striking international successes has been in pharmaceuticals. In the early 1970s, the British pharmaceuticals industry had a surplus in international trade, but it was a long way behind its German and Swiss counterparts.

Moreover, the leading German pharmaceutical companies had grown far more rapidly in the 25 years after the Second World War than the British. But since the 1970s, British pharmaceutical companies have developed a more profitable list of new drugs and enjoyed higher growth of

sales revenue than their European neighbours. They have in fact done particularly well compared with the German competitors, with Glaxo Wellcome now the largest pharmaceutical company in the world. By contrast, 25 years ago Glaxo was a relatively minor player. Now, its employees are paid an average of some £37,000 a year.

This success has been largely based on the knowledge and insights of research chemists — in other words, on the high quality of the human capital at work. Given the performance of this part of British industry over the past 25 years, it would obviously be absurd to claim that it operates with human capital inferior to that in other countries. There is a warming here against a misplaced national neurosis about our alleged "under-education".

Many international companies in a wide range of industries locate the most highly skilled and research-intensive parts of their operations in Britain, and have been doing so increasingly in the past few years. A common pattern is that design and marketing, which rely on high-quality human capital, are carried out in Britain, whereas production, dependent on machines and low-quality human capital, is done elsewhere. In particular, critics of Britain's supposed "under-education", particularly in modern

An estimate of the precise number

I'm a guru; are you one too?

Peter Riddell says

Blair has learnt from American experience, not continental theory



people such as Derry Irvine, the Shadow Lord Chancellor who gave him his first start as a barrister, than by theorising intellectuals. He has recently written of his wariness of grand intellectual plans.

Insofar as Mr Blair has gurus, they are from across the Atlantic. Amitai Etzioni, the American advocate of communitarianism, has effected "new" Labour thinking on social responsibilities and its policies on law and order and the family. Even more influential on both Mr Blair and Gordon Brown have been architects of President Clinton's economic policies, such as Robert Reich and Larry Summers. They stress social benefits, work incentives and skills training as the route to job creation and growth, which Mr Brown views as more important than traditional debates about the level of the exchange rate.

But Tony Blair's political approach has been affected by the failures, as well as the successes, of Mr Clinton. This is partly tactical (the need never to be distracted from the "message") and partly strategic (the need to address the worries of ordinary working people, Middle America or England). Here the guides are American political advisers such as James Carville and commentators such as E.J. Dionne (whose thesis is summarised in the current *New Statesman*).

Blairism is less than some left-wing intellectuals would like, or Mr Willetts claims. Apart from constitutional reform — significantly omitted from Labour's five key pledges in England, but not in Scotland and Wales — Blairism consists of promising small, incremental improvements, rather than far-reaching visions of social or economic upheaval. It offers a kinder, gentler version of Majorism, with a fresh management team. Of course, there are many doubts and questions about how it would work in practice. But that promise is perhaps what voters want, and it is why Mr Blair is such a hard target for the Tories to hit.

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Family show

SIX GENERATIONS ON, the Constables are still painting. In Oxford, Sasha Constable, 25, who is the great great granddaughter of John Constable, has just opened her first solo exhibition at the Loco Gallery.

"There's been an artist in every generation since John Constable painted *The Haywain*," she says. "My father's an artist and I'm carrying on the tradition." With a degree in sculpture behind her, she describes her work as surreal, and

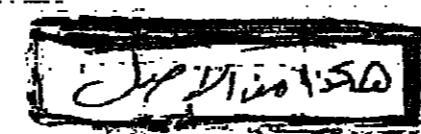
DIARY

Ms Presley can't be described as a clothes-horse, but now that the Duchess of York is stomping the catwalk, anything can happen. So Versace has signed up Lisa Marie for his next advertising campaign.

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THE TORY GAUNTLET

How Clarke could help to win the election

When Kenneth Clarke said yesterday that his chances of delivering significant tax cuts before the general election were "not very good", he was not just engaging in the Treasury's traditional game of deflating Budget expectations. Nor was he throwing away the Government's last hope of winning the general election. The Chancellor was facing up to the realities of responsible financial management. The Treasury's updated forecasts, to be published tomorrow, will show public borrowing far exceeding the targets set in the Budget and revenues falling well short of expectations, even without any tax cuts.

Britain's consumers and businesses seem already to have already helped themselves to a substantial tax cut — by finding ways of avoiding the payment of VAT and corporation tax. The distribution of these unintended tax cuts has certainly not been fair. The more the Government can do to close loopholes in the tax legislation, the more scope there will be for broadly distributed reductions in tax rates that would benefit everybody. But the lost revenues must be recovered before they can be given out.

Against this background, the more doggedly Mr Clarke pursues his plans to control public borrowing and spending, the more he will help the Government's re-election chances and sow confusion in Labour's ranks. Voters are unlikely to be much impressed by the promise of future Tory tax cuts, which many will in any case discount as a pre-election play. The threat of higher taxes under Labour would probably be a more effective electoral weapon.

Mr Clarke's best strategy for the Budget — not only in economic, but also in political terms — might not be to cut taxes but to stress the importance of controlling public borrowing. If he could also identify further substantial reductions in government spending, he could then challenge Labour to

endorse his spending cuts or to come out into the open with plans for higher taxes and borrowing. This rigorous approach, which seems to be finding favour among some Tory strategists, would do more to put Labour on the spot than a Dutch auction over taxes which might simply confirm in the eyes of the public — and the financial markets — that they are witnessing a desperate Government in its last throes.

By continuing to chip away at both public borrowing and spending, Mr Clarke would contribute to the growing confidence in the fundamental health of the British economy. "I have this vision that by the end of the century Britain could have the best economy in Western Europe," Mr Clarke said yesterday. To persuade voters to share that vision, rather than to bribe them with tax cuts, must now be the Tories' main political task.

Tax rates will not be the main factor in the voters' assessment of the Tory economic record. Far more important than a penny or two off taxes will be the public's general feeling of economic wellbeing and the sense that, without a change of government, prosperity might turn out to be sustainable for the long term. With the economy regaining momentum, consumer confidence improving and unemployment slowly but surely coming down, the first glimmers of a Tory political recovery are finally appearing in the polls.

With no more than ten months to go before the election, the odds must still be against the Government. There may simply be too little time for the spreading sense of economic wellbeing to make up for the Government's many blunders and to overcome the generalised hostility and boredom among voters. Nevertheless the Government's best chance of staying in power would lie in a well-timed, and well argued, Tory appeal to the innate caution of the British public: "Don't let Labour ruin it."

SANDPAPER AND SILK

Two contrasting approaches to new Labour

Last week Brian Mawhinney unveiled his "new Labour, new danger" theme, and in so doing demonstrated that comedy is not a second career option for him. Now, as Peter Riddell describes on the opposite page, David Willets has produced an erudite and elegant essay, *Blair's Gurus*, which attacks the philosophical foundations of new Labour. The contrast between the two men and their respective approaches could not be sharper.

Not since Norman Tebbit in his heyday has a politician courted a "hard man" reputation in the manner of Dr Mawhinney. Here is a man who would cross a 14-mile motorway at rush hour to pick a fight. No morning is complete without the digestion of both babies and *Today Programme* presenters. Having caused hell at the Department of Health and terror at the Department of Transport, he now brings his inimitable style to Conservative Central Office.

In many respects the Doctor has already out-performed the fabled Lord Tebbit. Thousands used to testify that in private the Chingford skinhead was a gentle and generous creature; few seem willing to say the same for the Peterborough pugilist. "New Labour, new danger" is an appeal based on unadulterated fear: a victory for Tony Blair at the next election would lead to economic collapse, constitutional catastrophe, an end to civilisation as we know it — and all in the first Queen's Speech. After which the Queen would probably be

abolished as well. As a tactic in the last phase of the campaign this could have been effective. As a central weapon of attack it is blunt and unwieldy, not unlike the manner of the Chairman himself.

David Willets prefers a somewhat a higher plane. The former think-tank supremo is happier with the battle of ideas rather than with rows over advertising schedules and stubbornly low poll numbers. An amiable and intelligent man, resembling a cross between a choir boy and a *Thunderbirds* pilot, he often looks out of place in the Westminster hurly burly. Willets is the Tories' in-house philosopher. A man who knows his Hayek from his Hegels, and can pronounce profoundly on whether life is really nature, nurture, or Nietzsche. Whenever the Conservatives are trapped in the intellectual trenches, the solution is always the same: Get Willets to whip up a pamphlet and send it over the parapet. His latest efforts follow a distinguished line, and will not be his last.

The difference between the two styles — sandpaper and silk — is as striking as their place in Mr Major's own armoury. For, in comparison with his chairman, Mr Major is a sensitive soul and not even his best friends would describe him as an aspiring ideological theorist. Politics makes for strange bedfellows. From now until polling day we can be certain to see much more from Dr Mawhinney with his chainsaw and Mr Willets with his thinking cap.

IN ANOTHER JULY

When brave Germans battled alone against Hitler

In politics, tyrannicide is the ultimate test of moral courage. Pagan and Christian philosophers down the centuries taught that the killing of a ruler could be justified only in the direst extremity. If any tyrant deserved that fate it was Hitler. His regime's evil deeds still shape our world. Hence interest in the German opposition to the Nazis, and especially the bomb plot which so nearly killed him on July 20, 1944, is keener than ever. In Germany, the courts are only now considering formal pardon for Stauffenberg and other conspirators.

This week, *The Times* carries extracts from Joachim Fest's *Plotting Hitler's Death*, which will be published in the autumn. In the light of his indictment of the British failure to support the July plot, we too may wish to reconsider our wartime record.

In the second part of our series, tomorrow, Fest will argue that British leaders, including Chamberlain, Eden and Churchill, not only ignored overtures from German resistance circles, but were actively hostile. The British treated these brave patriots as dishonourable traitors, even to the point at which "Nazi propagandists and Allied spokesmen joined forces in a *de facto* coalition to belittle the accomplishments of the resistance and disparage its motives".

Fest also blames the Allied refusal to contemplate a negotiated peace. At the end of the First World War, President Wilson had offered moderate Germans a basis for a negotiation, and helped to bring about a German political and military collapse. But when in 1943 Churchill and Roosevelt reaffirmed at Casablanca the Allied policy of unconditional surrender, they only isolated the German opposition still further.

Fest dismisses as inadequate the con-

ventional justifications offered by apologists for the British decision to "cold-shoulder" Hitler's opponents: Churchill's exclusive concentration on the war effort, and fear of jeopardising the Soviet alliance. But Fest is probably right to see these reasons as pretexts with which the Government justified a misguided policy, rather than a sufficient rationale.

One cannot divorce British policy, however, from the policymakers' deep-seated suspicion of the German officer class. Ludendorff and Hindenburg had, after all, established the Army's domination of German politics. Some of the opposition bore names like Moltke, Yorck and Bismarck, famous in the annals of Prussian military glory. They were mostly either officers or bureaucrats — servants of the Nazi regime. There was a genuine credibility gap, which British Intelligence manifestly failed to fill.

With hindsight, it would clearly have been wiser to have taken the emissaries of the German opposition seriously, and to have offered them the very limited encouragement they requested. As so often, British leaders were fighting the wrong war. The Nazis were not identical with the Prussian military, though they drew on its mythology; by 1944, the habit of submitting to Hitler had undermined the German army's code of honour. To a Churchill, the moral calculus which led a Stauffenberg to kill Hitler was alien: assassins could not be martyrs.

Many of these rebels were young and aristocratic, but one should not glamourise their sacrifice. Few realised that German nationalism could not survive Hitler's war. But whatever their motives, the men and women of the German resistance helped to redeem their nation and humanity.

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RSPCA membership and its attitude towards hunting

From Dr Richard D. Ryder

Sir, Lord Mancroft's letter (July 1) defending the British Field Sports Society's attempt to infiltrate the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals with blood sports enthusiasts is shot through with inconsistency. The objects of the RSPCA are to prevent cruelty and promote kindness. How can blood sports be consistent with these?

What is even more extraordinary is the attitude of the Charity Commissioners in advising the RSPCA that it cannot lawfully keep out such entryists. It is surely quite absurd that a national body of the importance of the RSPCA should be forced to allow itself to be infiltrated by its opponents. What sane business would allow this to happen? If this is indeed the law then clearly the law needs changing. My motion at the society's recent AGM (report, July 1) was an attempt to address this problem.

Another, even stranger, aspect of charity law is that it does not recognise animal welfare as a charitable object. This archaic view is entirely out of touch with modern public opinion and puts animal welfare charities into an impossible position as regards fundraising. For the Charity Commissioners to tell the RSPCA that it cannot campaign for animal welfare (which it has been doing since 1824) is a total nonsense. Again, the law needs changing.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD D. RYDER
(Council Member),
RSPCA,
Causeway, Horsham, West Sussex.
July 1.

From Mr Michael Sissons

Sir, It is monstrous that, in one of the world's great charities, a tiny and extreme faction should claim the moral high ground.

I am told that at the recent AGM of the RSPCA Dr Richard Ryder, the leading animal rights intellectual in this country, referred to the Charity Commissioners as "bloated bureaucrats" and, predictably, to the law as an ass.

The only possible construction that can be put on this is that he and his supporters are indignant that the commissioners have placed restrictions on animal rights campaigning and activism by the RSPCA.

From the Director General of the RSPCA

Sir, Last year the RSPCA rescued more than 6,000 animals from dangerous situations. We investigated 110,175 complaints and received more than 1.2 million phone calls.

I cannot think of a clearer way to explain to Libby Purves that the RSPCA

has no more important business than that of preventing cruelty to animals — all animals, including foxes, hares and stags — and that these claims of infiltration by extremists are a myth, perpetuated by the blood sports lobby in an attempt, I believe, to alienate our supporters.

Our most recent poll showed that 73 per cent of people wish hunting with hounds to be outlawed. In 1951, the Scott Henderson report — set up by Parliament to look into cruelty to wild animals — accepted that the RSPCA is "naturally opposed on ethical grounds" to fox-hunting. The Charity Commission recently confirmed that it could find no fault with our methods of campaigning on this issue.

Libby Purves states we have "veggie leaders". She is wrong. I am not a vegetarian, although I understand their views; nor are the newly-elected chairmen of our council, retired veterinary surgeon Roy Forster, and his three fellow officers. Nor are we the majority of those who work tirelessly for the RSPCA throughout England and Wales.

The work of pro-hunt supporters in maintaining the countryside is also a fallacy, since Britain has suffered such a serious decline in, for example, its traditional hay meadows, lowland heaths, chalk downlands and hedge rows.

Yours faithfully,
PETER DAVIES,
Director General,
RSPCA,
Causeway, Horsham, West Sussex.
July 2.

From the General Manager of IFAW UK

Sir, The British Field Sports Society's Lord Mancroft quite wrongly in his letter described the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) as a hardline animal rights group to bolster his onslaught on the RSPCA over its stand against blood sports.

IFAW campaigns against animal cruelty legally and peacefully and will continue to do so.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL ESPLEY,
General Manager,
IFAW UK,
Warren Court, Park Road,
Crawborough, East Sussex.
July 1.

From the Secretary and Chief Executive of the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England

Sir,

As the crops begin to ripen, the signs are that this summer promises to be another bumper season for aerial archaeology, every bit as productive as 1995.

Drought is now affecting the whole of England to the east of a line from the Tyne to the Severn, and many new archaeological sites are expected to become visible for the first time.

It is therefore cruelly frustrating that the funds for aerial survey are stretched as thinly as your recent report suggests (June 26). It is in the capricious nature of the cropmarks that form over buried ditches and walls that they may be visible only fleeting. This transience is tantalising, es-

specially for those grounded for lack of money.

Given the right weather conditions, each season produces fresh discoveries, and there are no indications of diminishing returns.

In 1995 this royal commission, funded by the Department of National Heritage, recorded 3,000 sites from the air. The results are used by our partners in English Heritage and the archaeological services in local authorities in the conservation of England's archaeological legacy, and add greatly to our understanding of the past.

Already in 1996 royal commission grant-aided aerial survey has produced discoveries of new sites in Essex and Norfolk. Our own flying programme has begun. One of our first flights will be in the airspace of the former home of the Red Arrows at Scampton, Lincolnshire, which is now open to us for the first time.

Yours faithfully,
TOM HASSALL
(Secretary and Chief Executive),
The Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England, National Monuments Record Centre, Kemble Drive, Swindon, Wiltshire. June 23.

From Dr J. D. Carson

Sir, Dr Jack Barrett's conjectures (letter, July 1) about the influence of the Church on the UN Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) take no account of the worldwide consensus on which IPCC reports are based.

He also illustrates a lack of understanding of the climate system when he links increments of carbon dioxide concentration with changes in global temperatures in such a simplistic way. The climate effects of carbon dioxide are delayed by the oceans and superimposed on natural variations and other influences.

Although there remain significant differences between surface climate observations and the data from Nasa satellites since 1979, the most thorough analysis (by the University of Alabama) does show an underlying warming trend in satellite measurements (about a tenth of a degree Celsius per decade).

From the Editors of Tribune and the Literary Review

Sir, We are writing to protest at the plan by WH Smith to levy a "retail display allowance" of 5 per cent on publishers of small publications.

This latest blow to small magazines and newspapers comes on top of the decision taken earlier this year by WH Smith to "de-list" a large number of publications and remove them from its news shelves (letters, February 26 and March 4). The replacement "ordering service" is a very poor substitute.

It is instructive that the proposal to charge a retail display allowance will not extend to WH Smith's top 400 titles. The proposed charge amounts to an unacceptable tax on reading.

WH Smith seems to be no longer interested in providing diversity and choice to its customers and is, in effect, driving a number of specialist magazines elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,
MARK SEDDON
(Editor, Tribune),
AUBERON WAUGH
(Editor, Literary Review),
Tribune,
308 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.
July 5.

zines and newspapers from its news shelves altogether. It is an attitude that contrasts with that of John Menzies, a company which appears to be committed to encouraging the sales of smaller publications.

Despite all the best efforts of MPs, journalists and the general public to persuade WH Smith not to push ahead with the de-listing process, the company went ahead. This had an immediate and serious effect on a number of small publications.

Faced with this new threat of additional charges, we are urging members of the public to boycott WH Smith and buy their books and magazines elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,
LESLIE THOMAS,
The Walton Canony,
The Close,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.
June 17.

From Mr Tim Daw

Sir, Sir George Gardiner, MP, has been accused of being ugly (report, June 28; Media and marketing, July 3), but how ugly is he? Beauty can be measured in milli-Helens (one milli-Helen being the beauty needed to launch one ship), but what unit is appropriate for ugliness?

I remain, yours, etc.,
TIM DAW,
Cannings Cross,
All Cannings, Devizes, Wiltshire.
July 3.

From Mr J. S. K. Milne

Sir, So great a man, not just historian, as Sir Walter Scott should be allowed the last word on interpreting the past to his own and future generations (letters, July 1, 3).

He defined the novel as "a fictitious narrative... accommodated to the ordinary train of events". That seems conclusive enough to me.

Yours faithfully,
J. S. K. MILNE,
88 Campden House, Peel Street, W8.
July 3.

From Mr Leslie Thomas

Sir, As one who occasionally appears on television chat shows so disparaged by Mr Harry E. Turner, former Chief Executive, TSW Television (letter, June 27), I would like to suggest that these programmes are known as "chat shows" precisely because they are trivial. Many viewers, who may not enjoy arts or political discussion, find this trivial enjoyable and Mr Turner should not need reminding that television is for everybody.

I recall going to the Plymouth studio (before Mr Turner's time, I am sure) to take part in a programme called *That's My Dog* during which my basset hound was interviewed.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 6: The Duke of York, Visitor, this afternoon presented the prizes on Speech Day at the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk (the Lord Belstead).

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 6: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Colonel-in-Chief The Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment), this evening visited Glasgow and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow (The Right Hon. The Lord Provost Pat Lally).

The Royal Highness took the Salute at the Ceremony of Beating Retreat by the Third (Volunteer) Battalion in George Square, and attended a Reception in the City Chambers.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 6: The Duke of Gloucester, President, Christ's Hospital, Horsham, this afternoon visited the School and attended a Ceremony of Beating Retreat, and subsequently attended a Dinner to mark the retirement of the Headmaster, Mr Richard Poulton. His Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex (Major General Sir Philip Ward).

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

July 6: The Duke of Kent, President, the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, accompanied by the Duchess of Kent, this afternoon attended the Wimbledon Championships, Wimbledon, London SW19.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 7: Mr Jeremy Smith (Deputy Lieutenant) of West Sussex was present at Gatwick Airport, London, this morning upon the Arrival of the Governor-General of Grenada and Lady Palmer and welcomed Their Excellencies on behalf of the Queen.

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THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Sir Angus Ogilvy this afternoon attended the Finals of the All England Lawn Tennis Club Championship Meeting at Wimbledon.

Steephill Independent School, Fawkham, Kent

Mrs Linda Bramley has been appointed Headmistress from September 1996 to succeed Mrs Jenny Smith-Spark. Mrs Bramley is currently Deputy Head of the School. Mrs Susan Meakin has been appointed Deputy Head. Children will also be taken up to age 11.

University news
Pembroke College, Oxford
Honorary Fellowships: Sir Harry Peach Foundation Fellowships: Jonathan Aislin, Ian Cormack; Emeritus Fellow: Gordon Whitton; Supernumerary Fellowships: John Tanner.

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BIRTHS

CORNWALL On July 3rd 1996 to Mireille (née Tanguay) and their first born child a precious son Benjamin.

DUNNING - On Wednesday 19th June 1996, to Pamela (née Hurson) and Mark, a beautiful daughter, Emily.

EVEREIGH - On 13th June 1996, to Jocelyn (née Adams) and Robert, a daughter, Caroline Rose.

GILBERT - On 20th June 1996, to Stuart and Sue (née Goss) and Katherine Alexandra, a sister for Ellis and Sophie, a son, Daniel, and a daughter, Emily.

WHITE - At Wincanton on 2nd July, to David (née Morrell) and Geoffrey, a daughter, Sophie.

YOUNGMAN - On July 4th, in Exeter, to Jane (née Mortagh) and Richard, a son, Thomas David, a brother for Luke.

DEATHS

DANE - John aged 71, husband of Eileen died on July 3rd. Cremation at West Bromwich Cemetery on Thursday 11th July at 10.30 am. Cut flowers only, or donations if desired to Cancer Research.

EDWARDS - Nan (née Browncombe) - On July 3rd 1996, a much loved wife of the late George Thompson of the 1st Inn, Redruth.

Very dear wife to her family and friends. Funeral service at Central Methodist Church, Redruth on Friday 12th July at 11.00 am.

Enquiries to David Blanks, Funeral Directors.

EVANS-PUGHES - On July 4th peacefully at Harpenden Hospital, Herts. John aged 71, husband of Eileen Evans-Pughes and loving father of Christopher and Amanda. Cremation private followed by Service of Remembrance at St Peter's Church, Harpenden on Friday 12th July at 2.30 pm. Family.

HAWSON - Robert Ross aged 80, much loved husband of May, peacefully at St Edmund & T.A. Elmes & Son Ltd, Chelmsford Hospital.

POTTER - On Friday 5th July 1996, loving husband of Ruth, much loved father of Daniel, Christopher, Gavin, for many years a devoted son of Birmingham Hospital.

Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Chelmsford on Saturday, Thursday 11th July at 12 noon. Family donations to the church or to St Vincent de Paul Society.

YOUNGMAN - On July 4th, in Exeter, to Jane (née Mortagh) and Richard, a son, Thomas David, a brother for Luke.

DEATHS

ALLISON - On June 29th, peacefully at home, Margaret Louise, aged 88 years. Much loved mother of James and much loved by her children, grandchildren and family members of St Leonards-on-Sea. Funeral Friday 12th at 11.30 am at St Margaret's Church, Chichester.

FARRELL - Heaven's reward. Donations to be directed to Mayday Cardiac Research Fund, c/o W Tristow & Son, Coalham Surrey CR6 2RS.

CUTTING - Dr Charles died at his home on Friday July 5th suddenly, aged 86. By Dorothy, family and friends.

New varieties bloom at RHS palace show

By ALAN TOOCOOD, HORTICULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

THE growing interest in new and unusual plants is reflected at the Royal Horticultural Society's Hampton Court Palace flower show, where some are to be seen for the first time. Many nurseries will be introducing new varieties, such as pinks from Three Counties Nurseries, of Marshwood, Dorset, and *Streptocarpus* Something Special, a pink and magenta Cape primrose from Dibleys, of Ruthin, North Wales.

Tree ferns are coming into fashion and the largest range ever offered in Britain will be shown by Rickard's Hardy Ferns, of Tenbury Wells, Hereford and Worcester, including several new ones.

The Plant Heritage marquee, which represents plant collections, is another place to see new, rare or unusual plants. They do not come much rarer than *Passiflora lourdesae*, a pink passion flower recently saved from extinction and shown by John Vanderplank, of Kingston Seymour, Somerset. A record number of new roses will be launched at the British Rose Festival, a show within a show.

They range from popular patio roses such as orange and crimson striped Tiger Cub, from Matlock Roses, of Newnham Courtney, Oxfordshire, to the pale pink miniature rambling rose Open Arms from C. and K. Jones of Cheshire.

The centrepiece of the floral marques is a patriotic theme, paying tribute to British gardeners. Six charities have show gardens, including Christian Aid, whose Cambodian garden also highlights the dangers of landmines.

■ **RHS members, Tuesday,**

Wednesday, public Thursday-Sunday, 10am-7.30pm (5.30pm Sunday). Information 0171 828 1744; tickets 0171 344 4444, also at gate

Nature notes

YOUNG swallows are on the wing. They are a duller blue than the adults and lack the long-streamers. Though they can fly as nimly as their parents, for the first few days they sit on wires and rooftops waiting to be fed.

The first signs of southbound autumn migration are the greenshanks and green sandpipers which are appearing at the edge of quiet ponds. The greenshanks are tall, silvery waders that step delicately on their long green legs. The green sandpipers are smaller, darker birds with noticeable white rumps. When they fly up with a yodelling cry, they look like large housemartins.

Shots of pink flame are spreading across the countryside as the rosebay willow-



The green sandpiper

herb comes into flower. Wafts of scent drift down from the white blossom on the lime trees.

Field thistles and knapweed, which is like a spineless thistle, are blossoming. Both plants attract small skipper butterflies, which sit on the flowers with their orange brown forewings standing up like sails on the hindwings.

■ **DJM**

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester celebrate the 24th anniversary of their marriage today.

Birthdays today

Lord Allen of Abbydale, 84; Mr Jon Saunberg, yacht designer, 67; Dr R.S. Barnes, metallurgist, 72; Dr Kate Bertram, former President, Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, 94; Dr Thomas H. Bewley, former president, Royal College of Psychiatrists, 70; Sir Robin Biggs, former chairman, BICC, 58; Mr C.D. Brown, Headmaster, Norbury School, 52; the Hon Dame Mary Corstorphine, former chairman, WRVS, 69.

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OBITUARIES



Ray Howard-Jones, artist, died in London on June 25 aged 93. She was born in Lambourn, Berkshire, on May 30, 1903.

WHETHER sitting sketching amid clouds of seabirds on a Welsh island or entertaining in the garden of her west London home, Ray Howard-Jones impressed all who met her with her tenacity of spirit. In weather which would have most visitors to her haunts on the Pembrokeshire coast muffling up, she would peel off her clothes and plunge naked into the Atlantic swells, carefree of passing visitors to the spot. At times she seemed like some tutelary spirit of the Welsh shore, so at home was she with its seals, sea-fowl and large (but harmless) basking sharks.

Her creative life had been a long one, beginning at the Slade in the 1920s and taking her through a period as a war artist — one of the few women to make a mark in that sphere — to a series of exhibitions from the 1950s onwards. Her career had had its ebbs and flows, and she had for a period of twenty years from 1970 known neglect (though not in Wales). But in the very last few years all this had changed, with an exhibition of her work organised by Rocket Contemporary Art in Cork Street, London, in 1994 and a touring exhibition of her later seascapes in the following year. A second London exhibition, *The Two Rays*, at the Rocket Gallery in 1994 celebrated her association with the photographer Raymond Moore, with whom she shared a close relationship for twenty years in the 1950s and 1960s.

She was born Rosemary Howard-Jones at her father's racing stables on the Berkshire Downs, but at the age of two moved to her grandfather's house in Penarth, where she was looked after by two guardians. Her first sketches were of the shores of the Bristol Channel, the landscapes of the Vale of Glamorgan and, later, Tenby where she was taken on a visit at the age of 12 and fell in love with the majestic coastline of West Wales.

In 1920 she entered the Slade School of Art, where she came to the notice of Philip Wilson Steer, who became a firm admirer of her gifts as a colourist. Henry Tonks, the Slade Professor, was

RAY HOWARD-JONES

Gateholm from my Cliff, gouache and pastel, 1980

seldom in a mood to be indulgent to her, but as she realised, there was a compliment implicit in his acerbity. He recognised that she was a serious artist and not simply a little rich girl treating the Slade as a finishing school. In 1923 she gained her London University Fine Art Diploma and her oil painting *Christ on the Road to Calvary* won the Summer Composition prize.

In 1925 she returned to Penarth to care for her guardian, May Purnell, who had in her turn been looking after the painter's mother. While doing this she also worked for a number of years making archaeological reconstruction drawings for the National Museum of Wales in Cardiff. Her evenings were devoted to voluntary work with deprived children and their unemployed parents in the city's grim Spilt area, which in those days lay in the shadow of the East Moors steelworks, whose emissions polluted its streets.

When war came in 1939 she pleaded with the authorities — at first unsuccessfully — to become a war artist. But eventually she was commissioned to paint for the record the fortified islands of Flat Holm and Steep Holm in the Bristol Channel. She wanted to go to Normandy to record the D-Day landings but this request was turned down. However, she was allowed to sketch the preparation of transports for the invasion in Cardiff Docks. Some of her wartime work is now held by the Imperial War Museum.

After the war she settled in London at Ravenscourt Park, where she had a house and studio in which she spent her winters, alternating them with

summers spent at St Martin's Haven, Dyfed. In 1948 she was introduced to the photographer Raymond Moore. This meeting was to mould the next twenty years of her life. In 1949 with Moore she went to the island of Skomer off the Pembrokeshire coast where they spent a summer painting. It was to be the first of several such summers for the pair until 1958 when Skomer was sold to the Nature Conservancy. This did not end the link with West Wales, however, since in 1960 Howard-Jones took a cottage at St Martin's Haven on the coast opposite. Meanwhile the painter and the photographer — the "other Ray" — had become a familiar sight on the London art scene.

The Welsh coast, its physical grandeur, its mythology and its mystical atmosphere, released something in Howard-Jones's imagination, which had first been stimulated by it as a child. She was to return to it as a subject again and again to the very end of her life. In 1958 she was commissioned to create a large mosaic for the front of Thomson House, the Cardiff headquarters of the Western Mail and South Wales Echo and in the following year she had her first exhibition at the Leicester Galleries, London, the first of five shows over the next ten years.

In 1970 the relationship with Ray Moore broke up but Howard-Jones continued to return to St Martin's Haven every summer, steeping herself ever more deeply in the atmosphere of the coast and the offshore islands. For this she meant not only the short excursion to nearby Skomer and

Stokholm but also visits to distant Grassholm, to which she would occasionally be able to gain access, and to the amazement of friends who accompanied her, sit impassively sketching amid the deafening clamour (not to mention the stench of guano) emanating from its 50,000 nesting gannets. Her absorption in Wales led to her gradually withdrawing from the London art scene as the 1970s wore on. But, though this led to a tendency to think of her as a merely regional artist, this was not an accurate assessment, as can be seen from the work of late flowering. Wales at least continued to notice her, with both the Welsh Arts Council and West Wales Arts mounting touring retrospective exhibitions in 1974 and 1983.

Eventually, after she had spent the winter of 1992-93 reassessing unexhibited work which had gathered in her London studio, the Rocket Contemporary Art exhibition and the publication of her poems *Heart of the Rock*, also in 1993, reminded the wider world of her qualities.

Until her late eighties Ray Howard-Jones continued to scramble up and down the cliffs from her West Wales studio to the beach at St Martin's Haven beneath. The essence of her art was that it was created in the open air, as the outpouring of seascapes attests. At her London home her contact with nature was just as close, and she was never happier than when in her wild garden watching and feeding the birds. She never married and had no children.

MAJOR-GENERAL GEOFFREY ARMITAGE

Major-General Geoffrey Armitage, CBE, GOC Northumbrian District, 1970-72 died on June 23 aged 78. He was born on July 5, 1917.

GEOFFREY ARMITAGE was one of the few army officers who managed successfully not only to transfer between Artillery and Armour halfway through his career, but also to become the professional head of his adopted arm as Director of the Royal Armoured Corps at an important juncture in the history of tank development.

Brought up in Ireland, he was educated at Haileybury and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, where he won the Sword of Honour and was commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1937. The Gunner half of his military career started in the 14th Anti-tank Regiment, RA, which went as part of the 4th Division with the British Expeditionary Force to France in 1939.

Surviving the retreat to Dunkirk, he stayed with the 4th Division which was deployed on anti-invasion defences in southern Hampshire. He became adjutant of his regiment in September 1940 and a battery commander a year later. In March 1943



the 4th Division sailed for North Africa, where his battery took part in the final battles for Tunis.

After the Axis forces had capitulated in May, he went to the Staff College at Haifa, and thereafter served with 7th Armoured Division, first as the brigade major of 22nd Armoured Brigade at Salerno; then as a divisional GS2 in Normandy; and finally as a Royal Horse Artillery battery commander for the rest of the war in Europe. He was mentioned in dispatches and appointed MBE (military) in 1945.

It was during the crossing of the Rhine and the subsequent advance to the Baltic that his battery was supporting 8th Hussars' armoured regimental group commanded by Desmond (later General Sir Desmond) Fitzpatrick.

In 1946, he spent a year in the Mediterranean in the aircraft carrier HMS Ocean as an Army/Air Liaison Officer, which he greatly enjoyed. He was then specially selected as a former Sword of Honour winner to be one of the first of the Royal Artillery's representative instructors at the new Royal Military Academy Sandhurst — the amalgamation of the prewar Sandhurst and Woolwich. Desmond Fitzpatrick was asked by his

regiment, The Royal Dragoons (1st Dragoons), to find some potential commanding officers from other arms who were willing to transfer. Much to the "Gunners" fury, Armitage decided to accept the Royal's invitation to join them in 1951.

His transfer in mid-career had it not been for his personal abilities and his experience in armoured warfare gained during his two years with 7th Armoured Division. He was gifted in sporting activities that would appeal to a cavalry regiment. He had won the army pentathlon and appointed CBE in 1968. He returned to England to take

breeder and trainer of gun-dogs; and had a lifelong interest in all country pursuits. At that time, he was re-establishing the Staff College and Sandhurst pack of drag hounds.

Within four years of transferring he had become a highly respected regimental commander of The Royal Dragoons. He went on to be an instructor at the Imperial Defence College, 1959-60 and a colonel, General Staff, in the War Office, 1960-62. Such was the confidence that he had inspired in Royal Armoured Corps circles that he was appointed Commandant of the British tank Mecca, the Royal Armoured Corps Centre at Bovington, 1962-65.

His artillery and tank experience, coupled with his ability as a Staff Officer, made him a natural choice as Chief of Staff to 1st (British) Corps in Germany in 1966. It was not an easy time to hold such a responsible job; Denis Healey's rolling defence reviews were in full swing, and the 1966 sterling crisis made it imperative to fight back to defend 1st Corps from Treasury-driven cuts in its capabilities. To his relief, having been promoted major-general and appointed CBE in 1968, he

over as Director Royal Armoured Corps.

It was a case of out of the frying pan into the fire. The new Challenger tank was just being brought into service. Regrettably, the gross unreliability of its L60 engine, which was no fault of his, marred his tenure as Director, by causing constant changes in the re-equipment programmes of the armoured regiments. On the positive side, however, the promising development of the world-beating Chobham armour for defeating anti-tank missiles was coming to fruition at that time.

His last job in the Army was as Commander of Northumbrian District at Catterick, 1970-72, at the time of the first miners' strike against the Heath Government. The Army found itself involved in giving the police support, when and where needed to handle demonstrations, in the North East.

On his retirement in 1973, he gave much of his time to the Country Landowners' Association, running its Gamefair from 1973 to 1979.

In 1949 he married a widow, Monica Wall Kent. They had one son and she had a daughter by her first marriage. All survive him.

Appointments

Canon John Edge, Curate, Briencote, Burnley (Blackburn); to be Resident Minister, West Felton (Lichfield).

The Rev Debbie Flach, Assistant Curate, Chantilly, France; to be Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity, Maisons-Laffitte, France (Suresnes).

The Rev Jeremy Fletcher, Priest-in-charge, St Peter's, Skegby, and All Saints' Chapel of Ease, Stanton Hill; to be also Priest-in-charge, Tewkesbury St Katherine (Southwell).

The Rev Kathleen (Kay) Garlick, Assistant Curate (NSM), St Mary and St Thomas à Becket, Much Birch, St Mary, Little Birch, St David, Much Dewsbury, Christ Church, Llanwarne, and St Cybi, Llandinab (Hereford); to be also Chaplain to the Sixth Form College, Hereford.

The Rev Laura Gibson, Team Vicar, Birchen Coppice, Kidderminster West Team Ministry; to be Priest-in-charge, Marple Bay, Rock w Heighington w Far Forest (Worcester).

The Rev Timothy Gill, Assistant Curate, North Hull, St Michael

Church news

and All Angels; to be Priest-in-charge, Sculcoates, St Paul w Christ Church and St Silas, and Priest-in-charge, Sculcoates, St Mary (York).

The Rev Frances Hancock, Adviser on Women in Ministry, and Curate, St Peter, Peterchurch; St Bartholomew, Wychourch; St Mary Magdalene, Turnstone; and St Faith, Dorstone (Hereford); to be also a Prebend of Hereford Cathedral.

The Rev Michael Hart, Rector, St Mary, Newington; to be Priest-in-charge, and Team Rector-designate, St Mary, Caterham and St Peter and St Paul, Chaldon (Surrey).

The Rev John Higgins, Rector, Arthur; to be Social Responsibility Officer for the diocese of Carlisle and Assistant Priest, Brampton, Castle Carrick, Cumrew, and Farlam, Cumbria.

The Rev David Humphries, Vicar, St Thomas, Greenhead and West

Vicar, All Saints', East Meon, and St John the Evangelist, Langrish and Director of Continuing Ministerial Education (Portsmouth). The Rev Julian McCready, Rector, Clonallion and Warrenpoint (Down and Dromore); to be Chaplain to Liverpool College.

The Rev Peter Ingrams, Vicar, St Mary Magdalene, Sheet; to be Vicar, St John the Baptist, Locks Heath (Portsmouth).

The Rev Peter Jarman, Assistant Curate, Bridlington Priory; to be Assistant Curate, Rufforth w Moor Monkton and Hutton and Heagehill w Wighill, Billingham and Askham Richard (York).

The Rev Timothy Jones, Assistant Curate, Middlebrough w St Mary to be Curate, with special responsibility for the Rounlions and Welburn, and part-time Chaplain to HM Remand Centre, Northallerton (York).

The Rev Derek Little, Vicar, St Stephen, Canobury (London); to be Rector, St Thomas and St Nicholas Mission Church, Bedington (Portsmouth).

The Rev Canon Terry Loudon, Vicar, St Philip, Cosham; to be Vicar, All Saints', East Meon, and St John the Evangelist, Langrish and Director of Continuing Ministerial Education (Portsmouth). The Rev Julian McCready, Rector, Clonallion and Warrenpoint (Down and Dromore); to be Chaplain to Liverpool College.

SERAJEVO AND AFTER

A number of arrests are reported to have been made in connection with the Serajevo crime, and the lodgings of Serb students at the Universities of Prague and Graz have been searched. Authentic accounts of the crime, given by persons who were actually present with the Archduke, give the tragedy more and more an aspect of fatality. There is little doubt that before his departure for Bosnia the Archduke was conscious that he was undertaking a dangerous journey. When during the railway journey the greasy boxes of the carriage became heated he remarked, "Now it's beginning, and down there they will throw bombs at us." But the actual assassination was rendered easy by the most extraordinary combination of circumstances. The Duchess had been slightly grazed in the neck by a splinter from the first bomb, but she maintained her coolness and begged her husband to be allowed to continue to accompany him after he left the town hall. After the

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KIEL AND AFTER

The British naval visit to Kiel,

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Details of the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand appeared on the same page as an account of the visit by the British fleet to the German fleet at Kiel. Within a month the two countries were at war.

reception at the Rathaus, the Archduke expressed his intention of visiting the Merizzi Hospital, and fell in with the suggestion that he should drive thither along the Appel Quay. Nobody would be expecting him to travel along this road, which is broad and straight, and along which, in consequence, he could drive very fast, and so diminish the possibility of a successful attempt. The mistake made by the Mayor's car in turning into a side street brought the Archduke's car to a standstill at a spot within a few

yards of where Prinzip was standing. Finally, the slightest divergence of the bullets would have rendered the wounds not necessarily fatal.

The British naval visit to Kiel, although its festivities were dimmed by the tragedy of Serajevo, was a great success and gave fine proof of naval comradeship the world over and of German hospitality. The reception was warm and sincere. It is not an empty convention that exalts Emperors and Kings to the highest rank in the armies and navies with which they compete and with which they sometimes come to blows. It is rather a symbol of brotherhood in arms — exhibited at Kiel alike when the Emperor William hoisted the flag of a British Admiral in the King George V, when Sir George Warrender and the President of the German Navy League exchanged enthusiastic speeches in Kiel Town Hall, and when the German and British bluejackets made merry ashore.

NEWS

MPs urge battle over 48-hour week

Tory MPs are to try to force the Prime Minister into a head-on confrontation with Brussels over a ruling by the European Court imposing a maximum 48-hour week on British workers. Although the judgment is not likely to be issued by the court until September, the Euro-sceptics intend to exploit the issue this week. John Redwood says that the decision must stay with Parliament..... Page 1

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Oxford University has almost doubled its number of professors, appointing more in a single day than in the past decade, in an unprecedented attempt to raise the status of its dons. Lecturers at Oxford and Cambridge have grown increasingly frustrated at playing second fiddle to less eminent academics elsewhere..... Page 1

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A new breed of mosquito could be designed to act as a "flying hypodermic syringe" to prevent malaria, the disease they normally spread. The genetically-engineered variety would transfer a protein through its saliva which would act as a vaccine, immunising the victim against the disease which claims more than two million lives a year..... Page 1



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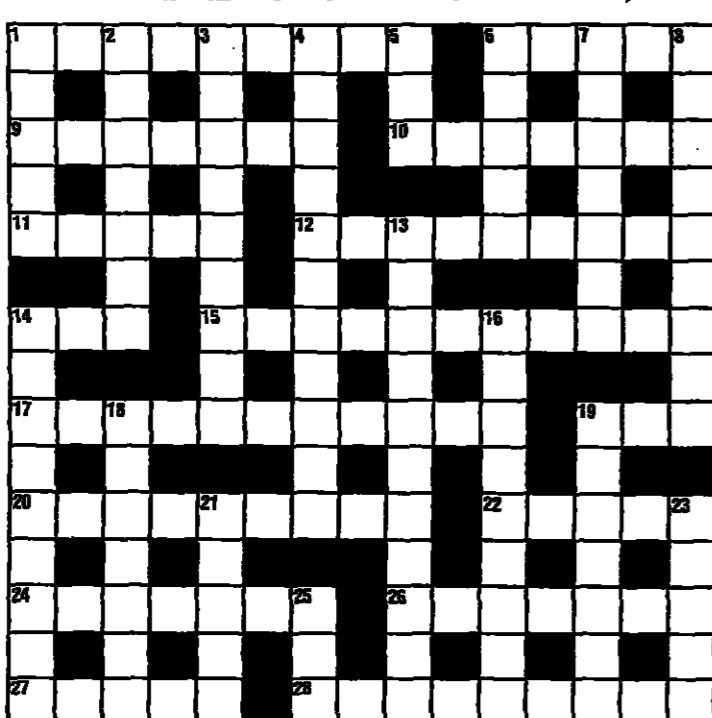
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